WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Westerly to northerly winds; generally fair and colder.
Vancouver and Vicinity—Westerly to northerly winds; partly cloudy, and colder.

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WILL VOTE TODAY ON AMUSEMENT CENTRE

Voters of Victoria Go to Polls This Morning to Give Final Verdict on Crystal Garden Scheme —Campaign Closes With Preponderance of Feeling in Favor of Proposal

Committee Pleads for Partnership With C.P.R.

TODAY Victoria will go to the polls to decide the fate of the Amusement Centre scheme. The campaign, notable chiefly for the almost universal approval of the proposal manifested by the public, closed yesterday with the opponents of the venture providing a mild spark of excitement, the first since the plan was first mooted. This diversion took the form of opposition "dodgers," competing with the pamphlets circulating in favor of the Centre, which made their appearance on the streets yesterday afternoon, bearing the well-known signature of Mr. John Dean, in a belated vigorous attempt to bring about the downfall of the gardens undertaking.

Voting will begin today at 9 a.m. and will continue until 7 p.m. at the polling place, 1400 Government Street, at the corner of Johnson. It is expected that the result will be known to approximate certainty by 8 p.m.

Proponents of the Amusement Centre again yesterday emphasized the fact that a three-fifths majority will be necessary to pass the by-law. To insure this heavy support, they have arranged for a fleet of motor cars that will call for voters and fetch them to the polls. Telephone calls to 469 or 7500 will bring machines. A request for volunteers to the motor fleet was also issued.

The citizens' committee wound up the "ayes" campaign yesterday with the issue of this appeal:

Issue Is With You

"Mr. Property Owner: The outcome of today's election is with you. The case at issue has been presented through the press. You are jury. Evidence on behalf of the by-law has been given, by hard-headed local business men, large taxpayers for years; by transportation men from the outside; by railway men of large experience; by the mayors of distant cities who are watching our forward movement; by people in the mercantile and catering trade, who know what travel means to a city; by others, who realize that the culmination of the present design means the placing of Victoria in the very front of all cities of the coast as a place for healthful, pleasurable resort, a place of amusing and refining influences.

"Evidence against the by-law has been voiced by one of our most respected citizens, a man of intelligence and public spirit, but who, after pre-

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City Council Is Unanimously in Favor of By-Law

"THE City Council wishes to inform the citizens of Victoria as to its attitude regarding the Amusement Centre by-law.

"The by-law is the outcome of lengthy negotiations with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and has received very careful consideration by the Council. Although there has been considerable compromise and adjustment of differences, the by-law, in its completed form, is, all things considered, a good bargain for the city. The Council unanimously believes that the ratepayers will be well advised to vote for the passage of the by-law today.

"Should the by-law be approved, the city will secure an Amusement Centre equal, if not superior, to anything of its kind on the North American continent. There is every reason to believe that such an attraction will be an important factor in the development of the city.

(Signed)
"REGINALD HAYWARD.
"A. E. TODD.
"DAVID LEEMING.
"E. B. ANDROS.
"R. A. C. DEWAR.
"JOHN HARVEY.
"J. H. GILLESPIE.
"R. H. B. KER.
"GEORGE SANGSTER.
"W. J. SARGENT.
"E. S. WOODWARD."

OVER TWO THOUSAND DRUG ADDICTS HERE

British Columbia Has Second Largest Number in Dominion—Quebec Leads With 3,800

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Since Quebec undeniably has the largest number of drug addicts of any province in the Dominion, it would not be unfitting that she should take the lead in providing suitable care for such unfortunates, declared Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer, of Toronto, general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, in the course of his report given before the annual convention of the latter organization today.

Quebec, he said, was estimated to have 3,800 drug addicts, British Columbia, 2,250 and Ontario 1,800. Figures for the other provinces were: Prince Edward Island, none; Nova Scotia, 300; New Brunswick, 250; Manitoba, 500; Saskatchewan, 250; and Alberta, 350.

MR. BOGGS IS LEADER OF THIRD PARTY HERE

Organization Meeting Held by Provincialists Last Night—Will Form Ward Associations

Mr. Beaumont Boggs was last night elected leader of the Victoria branch of the new Provincial Party of British Columbia at an organization meeting of the party in the Orange Hall. Other officers appointed were Mr. Andrew Wright, first vice-president; Ald. E. S. Woodward, second vice-president, and Mrs. Dorothy Bishop, third vice-president.

The meeting decided to undertake the organization of ward branches in the near future. The gathering, attended by approximately seventy ladies and gentlemen, was enthusiastic. Speeches were delivered by the new officials, and by Ald. A. E. Todd, chairman. Gratification was expressed over the liberal manner in which the campaign funds were mounting. Only signers of the pledged membership cards were admitted to the meeting.

Aged Clergyman's Term Of Life Drawing to Its Close With End of Year

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—As the old year nears its close, a distinguished Canadian clergyman and pioneer is also nearing the end of his life in Vancouver at the home of relatives. He is the Rev. John Hogg, D.D., aged 94, who has lived here for some years since his great age compelled his retirement from the pastorate of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. At midnight it was announced that Dr. Hogg's life was despaired of, and that heart weakness would probably cause death within a few hours.

AXE CRIME STILL BAFFLES POLICE

Belief Held That Hidden Assailant Was a Chinaman, But No Clue to Identity Is Established

FIND DIFFICULTY IN SECURING EVIDENCE

Inquest Is Scheduled to Take Place This Morning—Late Pong Joe Lin Had Won Many Friends



PONG JOE LIN
Of Colwood, whose mutilated body was found on the floor of his home last Wednesday.

NO new developments have occurred in connection with the Colwood axe murder mystery, when Pong Joe Lin, aged Chinese truck-gardener, was hacked to death, apparently with a double-butted axe wielded by some unknown assassin last Friday evening, December 21.

Provincial police officers have been rigidly investigating the scene of the crime, a small, unpainted three-roomed cottage situated near the Colwood Hotel and some eighty yards from the high-traveled Island Highway, but up to last night they had not located a tangible clue which might lead to the discovery of the identity of the brutal slayer.

An inquest will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the British Columbia funeral establishment, Victoria, but unless some fresh evidence is uncovered in the meantime, it is believed an open verdict of murder by somebody unknown, will be returned.

The belief is fairly well established in the minds of the investigators that the killer of Pong Joe Lin was a fellow-Chinaman, and inquiries are being made in quarters which might, consequently, be expected to produce information of significance. Chinese cases, it is pointed out, are always difficult to deal with owing to the necessity of employing interpreters, and to unfamiliarity with Oriental customs. Progress has been made in the police investigation, however, and possible sources of a thread which might bear on the mystery are being carefully sifted.

Pong Joe Lin will be missed by a great many of his white neighbors of Colwood to whom he sold the vegetables and produce of his garden. He had lived at Colwood in the house where his mutilated body was discovered last Wednesday evening, for several years, and his thrift, his cheerfulness and his honesty had won him many friends and acquaintances.

Supposed Hold-Up Men Arrested

SPOKANE, Dec. 28.—Five men, believed to have been the gang that held up the First National Bank at Medical Lake this afternoon, were arrested west of this city today, and between $700 and $800 was found in their possession.

NOTED ASTRONOMER DIES IN OTTAWA

DR. OTTO KLOTZ WAS WELL KNOWN HERE

Engaged in Important International Surveys—Held Unique Position

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Dr. Otto Klotz, director of the Dominion Observatory here, died tonight in his 71st year.

Dr. Klotz was well known in Victoria, as elsewhere throughout Western Canada.

"As a man he was a general favorite, genial, friendly, pleasant; as an astronomer he occupied a unique place, and his death is a distinct loss to science," said Dr. J. S. Plaskett, director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory here, when he was informed last evening by The Colonist of the death of Dr. Klotz.

Dr. Plaskett, who was associated with Dr. Klotz for several years at Ottawa, recalled that Dr. Klotz had been in Victoria two years ago, this being the first occasion on which he had visited the observatory here. It was not, however, the first time he had ever come to Victoria, as on numerous occasions, while engaged with the Alaskan and Forty-Ninth Parallel survey, he had passed through here.

Interesting Career

Dr. Otto Julius Klotz, LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.A.S., was born in Preston, Ontario, in 1852, and was educated at the Galt Grammar School, the University of Toronto (from which he matriculated in medicine and engineering, obtaining the medical

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OTTAWA DROPS DUTY ON GOODS

Hon. Jacques Bureau, Federal Minister of Customs, Advises Premier Oliver That Interprovincial Rates on Shipments via Panama Canal Will Be Abolished—Officially Announces Appointment of Customs Officer at Port of New York

PREMIER OLIVER stated yesterday afternoon that he had been advised in a communication from Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs, that the Dominion Government has decided to abolish the present duty rates on goods shipped from Eastern Canada to the Canadian Pacific Coast via the Panama Canal.

This action by the Federal Government came as a pleasing Christmas greeting from the Federal Minister, for it has been earnestly fought for by the Premier on behalf of the business interests of the Province.

The department's action has special reference to a shipment of goods brought from the East by Messrs. Woodward, Limited, of Vancouver, a shipment which has formed the basis of considerable correspondence and, it was recently stated, might form the ground-work of an action that would not be decided until it reached the Privy Council.

Premier Oliver stated that he took the announcement by the Federal Minister to mean that the inter-provincial duty has been abolished, and that hereafter on all such shipments the duty would not be collected.

In addition to the statement in the Minister's communication, it is officially stated that there will be the appointment of a Canadian customs officer at New York, something for which the business interests, backed by the Premier, have been agitating for for months.



THE NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR
Dr. Marx, who now controls the destinies of Germany. He is leader of the Centre, or Catholic party.

Millions of Years Gone and Millions Of Years to Come

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Creation of the universe did not take place at any particular time, but its infinite process started many millions of years ago and still is continuing, Prof. R. F. Moulton, of Chicago University, told scientists at the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today. In almost every respect the universe is infinite, Prof. Moulton declared, and although it has been in existence, in one form or another, for probably hundreds of millions of years, it still is changing and will be doing so hundreds of millions of years hence.

HUNDRED GIRLS START A RIOT

CALL SENT FOR POLICE AND MEDICAL AID

Inmates of Industrial Home Battle With Officials—Over Two Hundred Escape

DELAWARE, O., Dec. 28.—More than 100 inmates of the Girls' Industrial School near here are reported to have started a riot tonight. Many are said to have escaped from the institution. A call for police assistance was received here along with summons for medical aid, indicating that some had been injured.

The trouble, according to reports received here, started in Cottage No. 5, in which about forty girls were housed. Mrs. Ella Cherrington, regular matron of the cottage, was away on a vacation. A submatron was unable to cope with the situation and the girls escaped from the cottage.

Battle With Officials

Girls from other cottages numbering, according to reports, from 200 to 300, joined the forty and battled with officials who sought to restore order. Windows of many of the cottages, it was said, were broken by flying missiles thrown by the girls.

Men from nearby farms aided officials, and between 80 and 100 girls were placed under guard in the assembly hall of the institution. More than 200 were still at large it was stated shortly before midnight.

GERMAN PURCHASES OF COPPER ENORMOUS

French Government Opposed Loan From United States, Contending Actions Suspicious

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The French Government is opposed to Germany's proposal to obtain food credits in the United States, it is learned, because it is satisfied that Germany does not lack food. The Government, however, probably will delay taking final decision until a report on food conditions in Germany is made to the reparations commission by the committee on guarantees.

The Allied Governments meanwhile are exchanging views regarding Germany's demand for priority for these projected food credits. The French opposition is due not only to the conviction that food is not lacking in Germany, but because the French say they know that during the past few months Germany has spent enormous sums for copper, buying beyond all her ordinary industrial requirements.

The question is raised as to what use this material is to be put.

LOVE LAUGHS AT PARENTS AND POLICE

White Girl, Aged Twenty-Two, Defies Authorities to Stop Her Marrying Chinaman

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Irene Blakeman, aged twenty-two, of Nelson, B.C., tonight defied local police to prevent her marrying Charlie Wren, aged twenty-five Chinese, of Vancouver. At the request of the girl's parents, who intercepted letters from her Chinese lover and then discovered that Irene had left town, Vancouver police met Miss Blakeman at the station. When they found that she was of age of more than ordinary intelligence, and properly chaperoned by a middle-aged woman of her own city, the police admitted that there was not much that they could do. Miss Blakeman and her chaperon, Mrs. Hall, are at a local hotel, and it is understood the wedding will take place in a few days.

Half-Foot at Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Snow has been falling in Ottawa since early morning and by 11 o'clock about six inches lay on the ground. No delays to trains are yet reported, however.

GOODS EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX

Additions Made to List of the Articles Not Included in the New Measure Recently Passed

IMPOST TAKES EFFECT ON FIRST OF NEW YEAR

Fifty Per Cent Reduction in Rate Applicable to Print for Newspaper and Minor Publications

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Important additions to the list of goods exempt under the Sales Tax Act were announced by the Government tonight.

Included in the list are usual coverings for tax exempt products. This will benefit the fishing industry of the country. Had the tax regulations gone into effect in their original form the shippers of fish would have been compelled to pay an impost on the wooden containers in which their product was packed for export. This exemption is also considered of great importance to the cheese and butter industry.

A 50 per cent reduction of the tax applies to newsprint paper, under certain conditions, the effect of which is to leave that industry practically as it was under the old act.

Collections of old coins, stamps, medals and trophies are added to the exempted list. This step, it is explained, was taken because the operation of the tax would not have produced sufficient revenue to justify the nuisance it would have caused collectors. Other articles mentioned include certain syrups, confectionery and woolen rolls.

Effective January 1

The order-in-council providing for the change becomes effective upon the same day as the new tax act, January 1. The text of the statement issued by the Government follows:

1. Usual coverings for the goods not subject to the consumption or sales tax. The principal goods covered by this item would be coverings for flour, sugar, cheese, butter, lard, oatmeal, cornmeal, fruit, fish and condensed milk.

2. The materials for the manufacture of usual coverings. This would also apply to the same products as the usual coverings referred to in clause 1.

3. Woolen rolls or wool yarn milled by a producer of wool from such wool supplied by him for his own use.

4. Articles enumerated in customs tariff item 692, namely, coins, cabinets or collections of medals and collections of postage stamps; trophies and prizes received and accepted as honorary distinction or won in bona fide competition.

5. Goods enumerated in customs tariff item 139, namely, glucose, or, grape sugar, glucose syrup and corn syrup or any syrup containing any mixture thereof.

Removes Disadvantage

Corn syrups and other syrups closely resembling syrups and molasses now exempt from the sales tax puts the producers of syrups at a serious disadvantage with the producer or importer of other syrups and molasses.

6. Bakers' cakes and pies, not to include biscuits.

The rate of the consumption or sales tax on printing paper for use exclusively in producing newspapers quarterly, monthly and semi-monthly magazines, weekly literary papers unbound, hymn books, religious tracts, such as Sunday School lesson pictures, is to be reduced by 50 per cent on the amount of said consumption or sales tax.

YEAR'S SALMON PACK SHOWS SOME INCREASE

Total Exceeds Previous Twelve Months by Fifty Thousand Cases —Values About Equal

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The salmon pack for 1923 amounted to 1,341,681 cases, an increase of about 50,000 cases over the pack of the previous year. The higher pack is credited to unusually heavy runs in northern streams. The value of the 1923 pack practically equalled that of the previous year, despite the larger pack, this being accounted for by the fact that the bulk of the pack was of the cheaper varieties of salmon. Pinks and chums totalled 958,991 cases.

The Fraser River and other streams, which have been somewhat depleted in recent years, are being heavily stocked with young fry.

FRENCH AIRSHIP LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN

Body of Commander Recovered From Water Six Miles Off Island of Sicily by Italian Fishermen, and Crew of Fifty Officers and Men of Huge Dirigible Are Still Missing

Are Hopeful That Some Aviators May Be Saved

PARIS, Dec. 28.—"The Dixmude is lost beyond return, but we have not given up hope of finding some survivors," said an official spokesman for the French Ministry of Marine, a high ranking officer, this evening. The department will continue to make efforts to search every nook and corner of the North African wilds and to inspect every mile of water between Sicily and the Gulf of Gabes before all hope is abandoned.

Further details have not reached official circles in Paris other than those contained in the brief telegrams telling of the discovery off Sciacca of the body of Lieutenant du Plessis de Grenadan, commander of the missing dirigible.

Brought Up by Net

Italian fisherman hauling in their nets at the end of their day's work last night, brought the body to the surface. After it had been extricated from the meshes it was found to be that of a French naval officer in full uniform.

The Ministry of Marine, however, is confident that, with the arrival at Sciacca of the French naval attache from Rome, the mystery will be at least partially solved.

The officials are convinced that, unless the commander was killed in a sudden accident before striking the water, he will have about his person the log of the Dixmude, or at least written notes which will explain the lack of advices from the craft since it was last heard from, just a week ago, when a radio message gave its position as southeast of Touggourt, in Algeria.

Fifty Men Aboard

The Dixmude had fifty officers and men on board when she left the Guere-Lierrefeu airdrome, near Marseilles, on December 18, for a seventy-two hour cruise. She flew across the Mediterranean and over Algeria and Tunisia to the edge of the desert of Sahara, and then turned towards home. She was last heard from directly on Friday, December 21, at 8 p.m., when she was about ninety miles north toward the Atlas mountains, intending to pass over Algiers on the Mediterranean. She was instructed not to attempt to make for France across the Mediterranean, however, as a gale was blowing on that sea.

A Zeppelin

The Dixmude, a Zeppelin rigid airship, built in Germany during the war, and turned over to France on reparation account, was considered to represent the acme of accomplishment in rigid airship construction. She was the largest military airship in the world, the Shenandoah, the American dirigible, coming next. The Dixmude held the world's record for distance and endurance, made last September with an uninterrupted flight of 4,500 miles in 118 hours, 41 minutes, traversing much the same route that she was traveling when she disappeared.



GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA
One of the greatest generals of the late war, who is now at work organizing a great army for the restoration of the monarchy in Russia. The funds are to be raised by monthly subscriptions of small sums from the Russian refugees in many parts of the world. The refugees are numbered in millions.

"If Christ Came To Chicago" He Couldn't Get In

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"If Christ tried to come to Chicago He would not get in," Israel Zangwill, Jewish author, said today on arrival here on a tour of the country.

"Probably with your immigration laws He would not even get into the country," added the visitor.

WOMAN IGNORES PISTOLS AND FISTS

Five Armed Brigands Attempt to Rob Lady, and the Fight Is to Finish

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. — One plucky woman defeated five armed bandits early today in a hand-to-hand engagement in the lobby of her apartment house. Returning from a party, Mrs. Essie Simmons was brought to the apartment door by her husband, who then took the car to the garage. Jewels gleamed at Mrs. Simmons' throat and on her hands. Inside two bandits covered the elevator and switchboard operators, another stood guard at the door, and the other two attacked Mrs. Simmons. Unmindful of their guns she began fighting. After ten minutes she was still on the defensive. Then the guard at the door warned his fellows that Simmons approached. The gang fled, two of them with black eyes and scratched faces.

Party Leaders Discuss Liberal Organization

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A meeting at which, it is understood, matters of party organization were discussed, took place today in the Prime Minister's office. There was no announcement following the meeting. Besides Premier King, there were present, Hon. Charles Murphy, Hon. Charles Stewart, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Senator Hardy and Andrew Haydon.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Twelve deputies and six senators, who insisted upon unreserved support of the Mussolini Government by the Catholics, and others expelled from the party, have formed a new party known as the Independent Popular Party.

ESCAPE DEATH CHRISTMAS EVE

Swiss Villagers Attending Midnight Mass, Except One Old Man, Escape With Lives When Avalanche From Alps Sweeps Down on Their Village and Destroys Homes—Aged Peasant Found Under Heaps of Ice and Snow

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—Christmas Eve services saved the lives of all but one of the inhabitants of a small village near Sargans, 50 miles from Zurich. It became known today that the houses of the village were submerged by an avalanche during the services, which were attended by all the villagers, with the exception of an old man, who was too weak to leave his home. He was found dead under a heap of snow and ice.

Twenty homes have been destroyed by avalanches near Sepey, a few miles from Lake Geneva, and at St. Antoine, in the Canton of Grisons, the snow is so deep that the inhabitants are cutting holes through the roofs of their houses for exits.

CHANGES MADE IN LICENCE BY-LAW

REVENGE THREATENS BANKING INTERESTS

Council Deals With By-Law to Amend the Present Scale of Fees—Increases Decided On

As a result of the attitude of the bankers in regard to the city's requests before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature concerning licence fees, members of the City Council yesterday afternoon wanted the licence fees for banks raised to the maximum permitted under existing legislation and desired the removal of any gradation of fee according to the number employed. The matter came up when the council was revising the licence by-law.

Aldermen Todd and Leeming pointed out that equitable licence fees were not possible under existing powers, but as the banks had opposed the securing of legislation to bring about equity in the matter of fees, they should be made to pay the maximum and realise fully what inequity meant.

Ald. Ker stood out for the graduated fees on a basis of number of employees. He agreed to an increase in the figures, but did not think it fair to the smaller banks to make charge for all. Ald. Andros made a plea for the smaller banks. Some increases were finally made, but the old system of gradation according to number of employees was maintained.

An increase was made in the licence fees for telephone companies, electric light companies, gas companies, street railways and power companies.

The fee for each department of a department store was raised to $30 per half year; stevedoring companies to $75, and breweries to $450. Increases were also made in the fees for foundries, machine shops, sawmills, shingle mills, lumber manufacturing concerns and automobile dealers.

Ald. Leeming wanted an increased fee for theatres, but nothing was done.

The amending by-law will be up for final passing on Monday.

Saskatchewan House Meets About Jan. 10

REGINA, Dec. 28.—It is reported at the Parliament Building, but unconfirmed by Premier Dunning, that the Provincial Legislature will be summoned next month, but not earlier than January 10.

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PLAN SECURITY FOR NORTH POLE FLIGHT

Ample Precautions Being Taken to Make United States Airship's Trip Successful

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The flight of the naval dirigible Shenandoah to the North Pole will be the most carefully-planned voyage ever undertaken by aircraft, according to Rear-Admiral William A. Moffett, in charge of naval aviation on a visit here.

A mooring mast is to be erected at Nome, Alaska, to which the ship may return if a storm comes up while it is traveling in the Polar regions, he said. Three airplanes that can land on ice, water or land will be carried aboard, and the ZR-3 will be held in readiness to go to the rescue of the Shenandoah if trouble develops.

Radio communication between headquarters and the Shenandoah will be maintained at all times, Admiral Moffett said.

Beaten and Robbed

MONTREAL, Dec. 28. — Three armed men held up and beat B. Cohen, furrier, and robbed his store here of $6,000 worth of stock today.

C. P. MONTHLY EARNINGS

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—The Canadian Pacific Railway earnings for the month of November were $22,244,319; expenses, $16,135,849; net, $6,110,470; increase, $384,677; increase in gross, $823,241.

WOULD UNFURL FLAG OF INDIAN NATION

Home Ruler Suggests Mutiny in Case Gandhi Is Not Released Within Year

COCONADA, British India, Dec. 28. —If Mahatma Gandhi is not released from prison within a year to receive the charter of the Swaraj, or Home Rule party, the natives of India should without hesitation unfurl the flag of the Indian nation, said the non-cooperationist Mahomet Ali in opening the thirty-eighth Indian National Congress here on Thursday.

The speaker denounced what he termed the autocratic and paralyzing policy of the British Government in India, which he said, was crushing progress. He warned his hearers that if they were not careful the Swaraj would be dead within a year, but that if they made an appropriate resolve and acted on it, home rule could be attained within a month.



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URGES CAUTION AS TO RUSSIA

LONDON PAPER WARNS BRITISHERS SEEKING TRADE

Soviet Leaders of Country Have Not Changed Their Principles and Corruption Is Rife

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Westminster Gazette, which recently reported in detail the prospects of a renewal of Russo-British relations, prints today "a word of caution," saying that great harm will be done if too much is expected in the way of economic benefits to be derived from such an event. The leaders of Russia have not changed in principle, the newspaper states. Russia, it continues, is governed by the executive of the Communist party, which is quite unscrupulous, and it will be many years before the Central Soviet is representative enough or strong enough to take the control from this body of men.

The Soviet Government is not popular, The Gazette says. Obstacles to trade are being steadily increased.

Corruption Rife

Corruption is rife, and persons who in haste have attempted to collect for the value of goods delivered to foreign traders have been arrested and expelled as economic spies.

Bribery is rampant, the newspaper continues, and litigants speak openly of arrangements to pay judges a percentage of the proceeds of their claims. The pound sterling and the dollar have been deliberately depreciated in value, the writer asserts, and great hope of trade should not be encouraged for a long time as materials for export do not exist in sufficient quantities to make an appreciable difference in the volume of Russia's commerce.

Signs of Improvement

Nevertheless, the article continues, there are signs of improvement. A new middle class is forming which, although harsh and materialistic, is vigorous, and is likely to have an increasing influence in the affairs of the country. The key to the situation seems to lie in Germany, in the opinion of this observer. If the danger of the establishment of a Communistic Republic in Germany can be removed, he says, the Russian extremists will rapidly lose their influence, but if events in Germany should take a turn favorable to the desire of the Bolsheviki, every treaty, contract and promise would be repudiated.

At present, the article concludes, the situation hangs in the balance.

STATE OF AIR FORCE REPORTED DEPLORABLE

Branch of United States Naval Reserve Service Subject of Chief's Criticism

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — The condition of the United States naval reserve force, so far as the naval air service is concerned, "is deplorable," Rear-Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy Department, asserts in his annual report. The report said a flying reserve of 210 trained pilots was being maintained, whereas a force of 3,000 was necessary for safety in the event of war. An appropriation of $1,500,000 was asked for the training of 600 pilots during the next year.

Experiments with new airplane motor fuels have indicated a possible reduction in fuel consumption of twenty-five per cent as compared to straight gasoline, the report said. Developments were not tending toward the substitution of a gasoline-alcohol combination.

ST. JOHN MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS

Investigations Prove Unknown's Visit to Whiteside House After Date of Crime

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 28.—A new feature in the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, found dead in her home on Christmas Day, was the discovery yesterday by officers who made another search of the Whiteside house at East St. John, that the murderer or some person had visited the house after the woman's death.

On Thursday and Friday of last week Fred Cairns, brother of Mrs. Whiteside, called at the house and rang the bell, but received no answer, and he left the house, thinking that his sister was in the city.

On Monday last Dewitt Cairns visited the house. There was no response to his ringing. Yesterday, when the house was being searched again, it was discovered that the bell had been muffled. As Fred Cairns heard the bell ring when he visited the house, this showed that some person had entered the house since last Friday and blocked the bell.

On Christmas night, when the body of the woman was discovered, a basin of water on the kitchen floor for the dog was nearly two-thirds full. It was explained that if the large dog had been locked up in the house for several days it would have consumed all the water, and it is believed that the basin had been replenished.

James Gorman, a negro, and a sixteen-year-old boy who is said to have been mentally deficient, are held by the police pending investigation. Both are said to have done chores around the home for Mrs. Whiteside. Gorman placed himself at the disposal of the police yesterday. He declared he had been working in a lumber camp at Swan Creek since December 13, and his employer confirmed the statement. Mrs. Whiteside was last seen alive on December 17.





IN THE DUMPS

—From The Passing Show.

SENDS MESSAGE TO WORKINGMEN

President of Trades and Labor Congress of Dominion Extends Greetings to Fellows for Happy and Prosperous New Year—A Sincere Expression of Ideals and Fundamental Principles of Labor Administration

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, gives the following New Year's message to the workers of the Dominion:

"No message that I could give to the workers of Canada at this time is more appropriate than the age-old wish for 'A Happy and Prosperous New Year.' This is not a mere platitude; neither is it uttered without giving thought to the conditions of those who are faced with distress and disappointment, caused by involuntary unemployment, sickness or old age.

"It is a sincere expression of the ideals and fundamental principles of labor administration. The expressed wish that everyone may enjoy 'A Happy and Prosperous New Year' incorporates fully that for which labor is striving.

"Labor's platform is built on this ideal of bringing prosperity into the homes and happiness into the lives of all who labor. Let the new year's resolve be to strengthen our unions and use our power individually and collectively to the end that from January 1 to December 31, 1924 may be—more than any previous one—a really happy and prosperous year."

ASK RELEASE FROM DOWNING STREET

INDIAN NATIONALISTS ASK FOR PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

Transfer of British Secretary of State and Case of Kenya Colony Condemned

POONA, India, Dec. 28.—The National Liberal Federation has passed a resolution urging immediate release of the government of India and the local governments from the trammels of the British Secretary of State and the establishment of provincial autonomy and complete responsibility in a central government, except in the military, political and foreign departments thereof, and urging that the government should send a representative committee to England to discuss with the Colonial Office the question of immigration to Kenya Colony. The resolution also advocated that retaliatory measures should be taken against South Africa for its antagonistic attitude on the status of the Indians in the South African Union.

Withdrawal from Exhibition

Another resolution was proposed urging the withdrawal of India from participation in the British Empire Exhibition to be held near London next year as a protest against the British Government's stand in not granting the Indians in Kenya equal citizenship with the Europeans in that colony, but this motion was dropped in order to avoid a split in the party. Right Hon. Srinivasa Sastri favored the resolution, but the president of the National Liberal Association was opposed to it.

Right Hon. Srinivasa Sastri, a leading statesman in India, not long ago toured the dominions in the interest of Indian residents and advocated equal citizenship for the Indians in the dominions.

TO ORGANIZE FOR EMPIRE PAGEANT

Special Meeting of Empire Exhibition Leaders Arranges for Forthcoming Spectacle

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Arising from a suggestion made by the Prince of Wales that a pageant of the Empire should be held at Wembley in connection with the British Empire Exhibition next year, steps are now being taken to organize such a pageant. For this purpose a special meeting of representatives of the Dominions was held at the exhibition offices today, when a preliminary discussion took place as to the form the pageant should take.

It is understood the special features suggested comprise a representation of the following:

Early explorers; the glories of the Elizabethan period; the exploits of Robert Blake, English parliamentarian and admiral, 1599-1627; development of transport; history of India; early settlement in Canada and Australia; missionary enterprises; abolition of slavery; history of South Africa, and the development of sports. Another feature will be the demonstration of rough riding.

The organizers of the Empire pageant will tour the Dominions in a short time, and will also visit the Sudan, with a view to obtaining choice exhibitions from each.

Greece Remits Money To London for Interest On Canadian Loan

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Interest in the amount of $235,000 on the Canadian loan to Greece for the second portion of this year is now on the way from Athens to London. This will bring the total interest payment from Greece to Canada for the year up to $450,000, the amount agreed upon between Ottawa and Athens some time ago when the post-war debt of Greece was consolidated. The debt approximately amounts to $8,000,000.

It is expected that by the end of next March Belgium will have wiped out her debt to Canada by the payment of $3,000,000 and that by the end of 1924 France will have paid her debt of $5,500,000 to Canada.

St. John's Quadruplets Born Christmas Day Progressing Favorably

ST., JOHN, N.B., Dec. 28.—The quadruplets born here on Christmas Day to Mr. and Mrs. William Mahany, were the only ones ever born in Canada, so far as Hon. Dr. Beland, Federal Minister of Health, was aware, the minister said in a telegram in which he congratulated the parents. Mother and babies are reported progressing favorably.

FEW JAPANESE ARE GRANTED CITIZENSHIP

During Past Year Seventy-Seven Apply But Ottawa Issues No Certificates

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Although British Columbia is credited with a considerable Japanese population, there was no great desire shown by these people to become naturalized Canadian citizens during 1923.

This is the conclusion to be drawn from an analysis of 136 applications made in Vancouver County, where the Japanese are principally congregated, for naturalization. Of this number fifty-nine were never pressed to a hearing by the applicants, and the remaining seventy-seven were recommended for Canadian citizenship by Judge Cayley, the naturalization judge of 1923. No certificates of citizenship have been issued, however, by the Canadian Secretary of State to any of these seventy-seven Japanese.

No Explanation

No explanation has been advanced for the withholding of the citizenship papers, but it is recalled that Judge Grant, who heard naturalization applications during 1922, expressed strong opinions on the subject. His Honor refused to recommend the Japanese for citizenship.

Judge Grant believes the Japanese are undesirables because they can not be assimilated into a white Canadian population, and because they retain their allegiance to the Mikado.

Interprets Act Strictly

Judge Cayley, during 1923, did not commit himself on these questions, but concluded from a strict interpretation of the Naturalization Act a naturalization judge should consider the application for citizenship from the angle of moral fitness, residence and English language qualifications. If the applicant satisfied these requirements, according to Judge Cayley, it was the duty of the judge to recommend the applicant for citizenship. The onus was upon the Secretary of State whether certificates of citizenship should be issued.

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Zoologists Make Interesting Discovery

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—Natives of the sea, which see through their sense of taste, were submitted to the American Association for the Advancement of Science here today as a new discovery of zoologists known as nudibranches and in reality marine molluska or slugs; the creatures are both naked and blind and resembled shelless land snails, according to Dr. H. P. Agersborg, of Williams College, who described them to the scientists. They are cannibalistic or carniverous, he declared, and experiments have shown that they locate their prey through their ability to smell and taste with the skin of their body.

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Past Year One of Gratification to Commerce Body as Result of Successful Achievement in Many Fields

NEW QUARTERS ADD TO BOARD'S USEFULNESS

City and District Benefit From Ceaseless Work of Community Business Leaders During 1923

The year 1923 has been an outstanding one for the Chamber of Commerce. Its beginning was auspicious as never before in the history of the city's premier trade organization, for it was in January that the handsome new quarters at present occupied, vieing with any like premises in the Dominion, were taken over, following the disastrous fire of the previous year. The impetus given the activities of the directors and general members of the Chamber by the acquisition of the fine new home has since been unremitting in its effect of untiring energy.

Much of the Chamber's most successful endeavor was in the nature of spade work for such public enterprises as the Amusement Centre. Should the by-law for this venture pass today with the generous support anticipated, the Chamber will be rightly entitled to lay claim to a large share of the credit.

As with the Amusement gardens, so too has the Chamber been indefatigable in its efforts to develop the port of Victoria for the handling of grain, lumber and other traffic. While success has not been so quickly assured in the latter cases, the signs of today are promising that before another year will have flown into the domain of the past, the city will have tangible reason to thank the Chamber for its long months of work.

In Other Ways

In less impressive ways, the Chamber has been fully as active, not only for the benefit of Victoria but for the surrounding municipalities and districts also. As an instance of this may be cited the reduction of approximately 33 1-3 per cent on the freight rates on berries shipped from this vicinity to the Prairies. This cut amounted to virtually $25 or $30 per car, and thereby effected a considerable saving to the growers of Saanich and Keating.

Many and varied have been the results of the Chamber's work. Music enlivened the city streets during the Summer as never before. Thirty-two band concerts were given, and when the sounds of the instruments died away, the Chamber was still $400 to the good, and prepared for future work of the same nature. As the result of the Chamber's representations, the Canadian Pacific established a steamer freight service to the east coast of the Island, affording Victoria merchants facilities missing many years. Better service was also secured from the Canadian National Island line, the gas car schedule being extended to Mile 69 on the Cowichan Lake branch. A first class up-to-date auto tourist camp was established at Curtis Point for the first time 1,500 cars registering there during the Summer. General tourist trade was also promoted, with the result that an estimated number of more than 100,000 tourists visited the city during the Summer, at times filling all the hotels to capacity. The Chamber co-operated with Yarrows, Limited, and other organizations and secured the release of the Esquimalt drydock in order that the steamer Siberian Prince might be repaired at this port. This brought work worth many scores of thousands of dollars to Victoria and Esquimalt. The Dominion Government also complied with the Chamber's request that parcel post packages from the Orient for Victoria be landed here instead of taken first to Vancouver for sorting. This meant a saving of from one to three days to local merchants.

In many other ways the Chamber has made itself an effective force in promoting the commercial well being of the city during 1923. Much has been planned and much done. As a result, a very optimistic feeling permeates the Chamber from President C. P. W. Schwengers down to the most recent recruit, and present indications are that the year 1924 will be marked by progress of a very substantial sort.

Premier Bruce's Visit To the Dominion Will Likely Be Short One

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—The visit which Premier Bruce, of Australia, will pay to Canada will be but a brief one, according to present arrangements. The Premier's office is informed that he will arrive in New York on or about the 30th of the month and reach Ottawa on January 31. He will leave for the West on February 3, and expects to sail from Vancouver on the 8th. While here he will discuss trade questions with the Canadian Government.

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Changes In Postal Service Effective On First of New Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A number of changes which will become effective in the Canadian postal service during 1924 were announced today by Hon. Chas. Murphy, Postmaster General. The new postal treaty with the Irish Free State becomes effective on January 1, making provision for direct money order exchange between Canada and Ireland.

Rural mail contractors will receive a holiday on New Year's Day, an innovation which will be continued each year by the department, unless objection is made by patrons along the route.

The practice of withholding a month's pay as a service guarantee, ends with the year.

Beginning with January 1, 1924, examinations on sortation affecting employees receiving less than $1,200 a year, in large post offices will be carried out by local postmasters. In the past these tests were carried out by departmental officials.

A new form of money order becomes effective on July 1, 1924, which is expected to prevent fraudulent practices.

Motor Crash Kills Four

WAYLAND, Mass., Dec. 28.—Four persons perished when an automobile driven by Arthur Beaudreau, of Cambridge, crashed through a wooden railing and plunged into the Sudbury River last night.

The Strathcona Cafe will continue serving special Christmas Dinners until New Year's Day. Price $1.00; 5:30 to 8.

Deported Belgians Now Ask Damages From German Government

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28.—Eighty thousand Belgians deported by the Germans during the war are bringing a monster collective damage suit against the German Government by virtue of Article 304 of the Treaty of Versailles. The suit will be heard in accordance therewith by the German-Belgian arbitration tribunal sitting in Paris on January 7, under the presidency of Paul Moriad, head of the law faculty of Geneva University.

Article 304 of the Versailles treaty provides for the establishment of a mixed arbitration tribunal between each of the Allied and Associated Powers on the one hand and Germany on the other. These tribunals are empowered to decide among other questions concerning property rights, interests and debts, contracts, judgments and industrial property.

TO ABOLISH BEER CLUBS FEBRUARY 1

LIQUOR BOARD NOW DRAFTING NEW REGULATIONS

Social Clubs Solely for Members Will Probably Get Licences Immediately

Under the legislation passed at the recent session of the Legislature the new regulations affecting beer clubs will become effective on February 1 next and the Liquor Board is now busy drafting regulations relative thereto.

All clubs which desire licences to carry beer, solely for members' use and not for sale as a commodity, must make application prior to February 1 for their licences. The clubs securing licences will be such clubs as are operated solely for the benefit of the members and not the so-called proprietary clubs which are operated for the benfit of one or more individuals.

Under the amendments to the Liquor Act it was provided that all such proprietary clubs would be regarded as public places, that is the liquor could not be consumed therein. That does not mean that a man could not go to such club with "something on his hip," but he could not legally drink it there. At present a man may carry liquor along the street, but the minute he proceeded to drink it there, he would run foul of the law.

It is likely that some of the social clubs will receive their licences immediately to the end that they may become operative under the new regulations and, it is considered by Liquor Board officials, thereby reduce the operations of the bootlegger.

To cancel all licences at once would only mean that the bootlegger would flourish until such time as the beer-club licences were issued.

PLACING IMMIGRANTS DIRECTLY ON FARMS

Federal Immigration Department Asks Soldier Settlement Board to Secure Exact Information

Arrangements are being made for the systematizing of the work of bringing together the farmers requiring help in the Spring and the immigrants that are expected to arrive. In order to do this, the Minister of Immigration and Colonization has made a request that the Soldier Settlement Board take up the work in the way of securing as early in the New Year as possible a survey of the farm help that will be required.

Circulars have been sent out to the various district superintendents of the Board giving exact instructions as to how the work had better be taken up. These supervisors are advised to get in touch with all farmers that may be expected to require help in the Spring and make returns, giving the number required by each of them and at the same time the accommodation that is available for help.

This information is to be furnished the Immigration Department so that the officers of that department may be in a position to deal with the situation in an intelligent way in seking to secure the help necessary in the Old Land.

It is pointed out that this systematizing of the work during the last harvest worked to the advantage of all, but that even better results should be obtained for the coming Spring.

The Land Settlement Branch of the Department is making arrangements also for the placing of the immigrants where they will be required, and where a sufficient number arrives at one time to make it practicable a man will accompany the arrivals to the location where they are going to see that they are properly placed. Where this is not possible, every care will be taken to see that the immigrants are placed where required.

It is being urged that the farmers in the different parts of the country co-operate in the work and furnish as early as possible to the Field Supervisors in the district the list of the employees that they will be able to handle. These lists should be turned in with all the data as set forth in the schedules that are provided for the purpose.

All the details that are required are obtainable from the officers named.

Buffalo Coats and Robes to Return Again

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—According to a Citizen news story, Sam Bilsky, prominent local jeweler, has contracted with the Dominion Government for the purchase of the skins and heads of the buffalo killed by the Federal authorities from their herds at Wainwright. Already 600 buffalo have been destroyed and the number will reach 1,500 before killing operations cease. The sale of the heads and skins will mean the introduction of buffalo coats, robes and head ornaments after an absence of twenty-five years from the market.

Steel Shareholders

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the French-speaking shareholders of the L. R. Steel Company here last night it was announced that $270,000 of the necessary $300,000 had already been subscribed for the purpose of the protective trust, to safeguard the interests of investors.

CITY LEASES WILLOWS LAND

Under Agreement Confirmed by Council, B.C. Agricultural Association Gets the Fair Grounds for Two Years

DEDICATE AREA TO ALL CLASSES OF SPORT

Organization Must Pay All the Taxes, and Net Profits Must Be Turned Back Into the Property

UNDER terms agreed to by the City Council yesterday afternoon, the B.C. Agricultural Association secures a further two-year lease of the fair grounds at the Willows, but must pay the taxes on the property. All revenue left after expenses, including repairs and taxes, have been paid, will be used to improve the grounds in such ways as the Council may decide.

This lease was not agreed upon without a lengthy discussion. In it is a provision that the association shall "take all such steps as may be necessary to popularize the said lands or portions thereof by sportsmen generally of all classes, and that it will, upon as reasonable terms as possible, permit the use of the said lands for clean and wholesome sport of every description."

Cannot Do Both

After Mayor Hayward had read the draft agreement, Alderman Sangster, secretary of the B.C. Agricultural Association, said that his organization could not afford to both pay taxes and make improvements to the grounds. If the city found itself with the property on its hands it could not make a success of a fair or horse racing.

The grounds were costing the city a lot of money, pointed out Alderman Dewar. Oak Bay had been paid $2,800 in taxes. The racing interests, claimed the alderman, had taken in a gross total of $91,350 in two weeks here. He thought Oak Bay ought to supply the policing of the property at its own expense.

Must Expect Less

The city, declared Alderman Sangster, had received $5,000 from the association in the form of the grant it had never paid to the organization. "The city can have another $5,000 as far as I am concerned, and then we'll all quit," he added.

The amount of money from the racing interests would not be half as much next year as this, Alderman Sangster warned. The racing men were at loggerheads last year and were competing against each other, he explained, adding that they had lost $10,000 here this year.

The association should pay the taxes, contended Alderman Leeming. He wanted a provision that racing be not held at the same time as the exhibition. That, said Alderman Sangster, was just what the racing people wanted, but Alderman Leeming's wish in this regard was not carried out by the Council.

Alderman Ker suggested that the city and the association split the money obtained from the racing concession. Out of this the city would pay the taxes, he added.

Wanted Bids

Bids should be obtained for the use of the grounds, claimed Alderman Woodward, and the lease given to the highest bidder.

Alderman Sangster replied that the British Columbia Agricultural Association must, under a by-law passed by the people, be allowed to operate the grounds.

Alderman Gillespie thought that the lease as drafted was all right.

If the Willows grounds were not a success in two years he would advocate getting rid of them, said Alderman Todd.

Several Aldermen criticized this year's exhibition. Alderman Andros declared that it was essential to have racing in order to offset the deficit caused by the exhibition.

The question of the number of Oak Bay people using the grounds was raised by Alderman Woodward. Alderman Gillespie thought that at least twenty-five per cent were Oak Bay residents.

Defends Himself

Roused by statements made by his colleagues, Alderman Sangster pointed out that he had been secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural Association since 1909, taking it over when the organization was $18,000 in debt. The old deficit had been wiped out and no new ones incurred. The association had built all but practically one of the buildings out of revenue. For the use of these structures the military authorities had paid the city from $30,000 to $40,000.

He had made many enemies in his work on behalf of the association, continued the alderman, and these had been trying to prevent the granting of the lease. He asked Alderman Leeming whether the interests who had staged the Maytime Frolic gymkhana had paid their debts. Alderman Leeming replied that they had not. "Pretty soon I will be through with this association business," went on Alderman Sangster, "and if any member of the Council has any feeling against the association through me, let him forget it."



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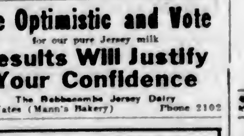
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Saturday, December 29, 1923

THE CRYSTAL GARDENS

Today's vote on the Amusement Centre By-Law is a challenge to our property owners' confidence in the future of the municipality. Its passage means that a great improvement will be effected in an area that is at present an eyesore, that a permanent place of varied amusements and recreations will be established, that an institution of the highest advertising value will be conducted by the most efficient organization in the Dominion, and that there will be a new incentive for the coming here of thousands of more visitors than Victoria has ever had before. Failure to pass the by-law means that the stadium aite will remain unoccupied, there will be no amusement centre, and that the C.P.R. would be exceedingly unlikely to interest itself in any new scheme on similar lines for the benefit of the city. Victoria has an opportunity that has been given to no other city in Canada to bring about a considerable and increasing investment in organized and grouped amusement featurea set in surroundings which are to be made unusually attractive. We cannot doubt that the citizens will see the cumulative value of what is proposed, and will give the by-law a sweeping majority. The greater the majority the more encouraged the C.P.R. will be in adding to its expenditures to provide for the pleasures of Victorians and their visitors.

The way to build up Victoria within the municipal limits is to find a productive use for its idle and waste spaces. In the process, one cardinal thing to be remembered is the idea of beautification, for the city now appeals and should be made to appeal even more from that standpoint. The Crystal Gardens' proposal put forward by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is the most attractive feature of beautification ever advanced for the benefit of Victoria. It involves a primary expenditure of $200,000, on a site which probably could not be sold for one-tenth that amount, and all who understand the method by which the C.P.R. conducts its operations and recall the instance of the Empress Hotel, will realize that the likelihood is the company will invest $500,000 in an amusement centre before it finally establishes one of a kind to meet its wishes. That is the likelihood. The immediate certainty is an outlay of $200,000 on the project, an undertaking which will have a beneficial effect in sending up the values of property, attracting a new flow of tourists, and giving our own citizens not only added facilities for amusements, but a renewal of confidence in the municipal outlook.

The arguments in favor of today's by-law have been dealt with in admirable fashion by the Amusement Centre Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They have been recapitulated in the columns of this newspaper. They are known to the public. What we wish to say as a final word is to express a deep conviction that the Amusement Centre will have beneficial results of a character it is as yet quite impossible to estimate. On this account we ask the citizens to turn out in large numbers to the poll, and in doing so to exercise their vision in guaging what the proposed amusement industry will mean to the upbuilding of Victoria. Where vision is exercised there can be no doubt of what the result will be. Today's by-law is a preguant opportunity of showing what co-operative civic pride and patriotism can accomplish in forwarding Victoria's growth. A New Year's gift of potential promise to future municipal progress lies at our feet. It can be picked up and made part of our scheme of development by the simple process of voting "Aye" at the poll today.

SLIPSHOD ENGLISH

There is a rising tide of criticism about the manner in which the English language is being deformed in everyday use. Newspapers, some of which are among the chief offenders, are beginning to pay more attention to this criticism, and in any case they are giving a good deal of space to opinions voiced from sources that should be authoritative. It is of interest to note that the religious world is becoming imbued with the belief that something should be done to preserve the use of good English, and to put an end to the extensive employment of slang which degrades our social life and even penetrates into our legislatures. We notice that certain expressions employed extensively today are characterized by the Rev. Gerald J. McShane, of Montreal, as an abomination. That can be said about a good deal of slang, but after all, most slang when used redundantly is simply the outpouring of an enfeebled education.

Father McShane advocates remedies for the poverty of expression and the meagre knowledge of the English language. He urges that there should be a library in each school classroom; more reading of better literature, and when possible, the reading of it aloud; and more writing by the individual. Presumably his remedies are to be applied in the schools. He has no patience with those who object that they cannot remedy their lack of knowledge of the English language because of lack of time or lack of taste. There are two kinds of lazy people, he says, those who do nothing, and those who fail to arrange their time properly and systematically. The busy man is usually the man who finds time simply because he knows how to do things. So far as the absence of a taste for literature is concerned, Father McShane believes that it can be acquired no matter how advanced in years a person may be. The capability of expression can always be acquired where there is a will by association with superior minds whose writings are always available.

One point advanced by Father McShane is worthy of passing emphasis and of absorption by the business man. The average business man, he says, in his commercial dealings, in his personal interviews with customers, and especially in his business correspondence would be more successful and effective in the long run if he had a better knowledge of the English language. His experience is that the average business letter is meagre in language, with a lack of variety in expression and a notable lack of synonyms. It gives the impression that the writer's time is too valuable to round out the sentences and present his case thoroughly. The impression created on the customer is not a good one.

There is another point on which Father McShane lays stress, and that is the advantages of the classics and the necessity for their study by children because of their effect in disciplining the mind, teaching one how to think, and providing a rich command of the English language. One of the main causes of the absence of any command of the English language he attributes to the general failure to read good books. The statistics of most circulating libraries go far to explain this. Father McShane says that not more than 25 per cent of the people (presumably he means the people of Quebec) read anything except the newspapers. Whatever can be done to produce a greater facility in expressing ideas through the medium of the language which is in common use should be done. It should have for its object, too, the elimination of much of the slang which is corrupting the language. It is in the schools that most can be done in this respect, and it is to these that most of the pleas for betterment are being directed.

A GOVERNMENT BROCHURE

If only for the guidance of the public who are somewhat concerned in the matter, the Provincial Government should issue a summary of the legislation passed at the late session of the Legislature, and give an indication of its purport and intentions. The main legislation of the session appeared on the order paper so late, and was put through so hurriedly that the public are necessarily very much confused as to what was done. They know about the new taxes, but there are other matters about which they should be informed, and it would be in the interests of both the people and the Government for the latter to prepare some sort of a brochure showing the new laws to be enacted with the dates they come into force. Such a document would command greater attention than nine-tenths of the matter which is printed to show what is being done in the different administrative departments of the Government.

Even newspapers sometimes print sentences which are chastening to the self consciousness and the cocksureness of mortals. A few of these appeared in a recent issue of The London Morning Post when it said: "The chances are that the man who has delved most deeply into life is the man who is most impressed with its mysteries, that the scientist who has labored most is the most humble of his craft, and that he who has adventured farthest into the realms of knowledge has the most honest conception of the illimitable and obscure country which stretches around us on all sides. A wise Providence has hedged vain and presumptuous men with so much darkness that there can in all probability be no end to his search for the light. We labor for years, and in the end we are bound to confess in accordance with the beautiful but perplexing truths of Christianity, that only a little child can enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

La Patrie, of the French-Canadian press, sees in the rebuke to the Mackenzie King Government in the result of the Kent County by-election a clear indication that the people demand deliverance from some part of the burden of taxation which is weighing them down. This lesson, of course, is one that could be applied to whatever political party is in power.

One argument being advanced against Church Union is that every Presbyterian minister at the time of ordination solemnly undertook to "maintain and defend" the government of the Presbyterian Church. In virtue of that pledge it is held that the integrity of the Presbyterian Church should be preserved. The movement for a United Church of Canada will soon have entered the lists of Parliament, where it is likely to meet with greater opposition than now appears on the surface.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

Just as we had reached the conclusion that all had been said that need be said at present on the subject of prohibition, a correspondent has been kind enough to send us a portion of The New York Times of a recent late containing a very interesting letter. The Times seems to have considered the communication of considerable importance. It placed it under a two column head containing the words, "Crime in a Dry Country." The letter will occupy a good deal of our limited space, but it is worthy of such accommodation. It follows:

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The report of the Committee on Law Enforcement, printed in the October number of the American Bar Association Journal, deserves to be read and studied by every citizen, in view of the claims made by advocates of the Eighteenth Amendment and prohibition.

The report states: "There occurred seventeen so-called murders in London last year. Of these three were committed by unfortunate girls who killed their new-born offspring; three by men who in the attempt to commit suicide by the use of illuminating gas, caused the death of a child or other members of the family; two by insanee persons, and nine by persons actuated by deeper guilt. In other words there were only nine cases in the City of London last year where a trial for murder in the first degree could properly ensue. There was not an unsolved murder in London last year. During 1921 there were 260 murders in New York and 137 in Chicago. Throughout all England and Wales in 1921 there were 63 murders.

. . .

"In 1919, the year atatistics were last published in France, the figures show that there occurred in all that country 585 murders. In forty-eight cities of the United States, representing every section of the country but omitting many of the cities or towns from which we have been unable to obtain the figures, there occurred 1,562 murders. These cities contain about 21,000,000, or a little over one-fifth of our population, and fairly typify the rest of the country. It is a mistake to suppose that a greater proportion of our homicides occur in the larger cities. The largest proportionate ratio of crime is generally in our cities of less than 200,000 inhabitants. It therefore may be roughly but conservatively stated that in this Republic there occurred last year about 7,850 murders. To these may be added 6,790 cases of manslaughter and other unlawful killings, totalling in all 14,640 unjustifiable homicides.

. . .

"We learned that the prison population in England has been steadily decreasing since 1876, the latter period marking about the time when the simplification of the English criminal procedural laws began to be effective. In 1876 the daily average population in local and convict prisons was 30,000, compared with 17,000 in 1913-1914 and 9,800 in 1920-1921. A more striking decrease in crime is shown in the annual admissions to prisons. There were admitted to English prisons of all kinds in 1913-1914, 151,116. The total admitted to prison in 1920-1921 was 49,080, or a decrease of more than 300 per cent.

. . .

"The great English prison at Reading has been closed. Other prisons have been turned into Borstal institutions. Prisons which formerly were crowded are now half empty. . . .

"There were ninety-five robberies in 1921 throughout all England and Wales. There occurred 121 robberies in 1919 throughout all France. In 1922 the city of New York reported 1,445 robberies, and the city of Chicago admitted 2,417. . . .

"In 1921 in all England and Wales 113 defendants were put on trial for burglary and 105 convicted."

The whole report is of great interest. The foregoing excerpts have been made with reference to their direct bearing upon the prohibition issue.

NELSON L. ROBINSON.
New York, December 11, 1923.

British workmen who can find nothing for their hands to do at home are advised to keep away from Canada. They are being told that work is not to be had in our cities. The one idea of some of the malcontents seems to be to congregate in the big centres, where there is every comfort, plenty of amusement, and statutory limitation of the hours of labor.

. . .

Neither the United States nor Canada was settled by people with such foolish notions. The pioneers of this continent did not have to be assured of jobs at high pay and limited hours before they started for our shores. They did not cross the ocean so much to seek work as to make work for themselves. If they did not immediately find work waiting for them, they went out into the woods and made it. They were the real makers of America.

. . .

Some British emigrants are not of that quality now, it is to be feared. Probably the dole system, or something of the kind, has undermined their moral and physical fibre. They do not appear to have the courage and determination of their forefathers. They dread the rough places on life's highway; want everything to be made smooth and pleasant and comfortable for them. If they find the condtions here somewhat different from those to which they were accustomed at home they do not strive diligently to adjust themselves to such unaccustomed conditions. They give up and go home. Then they complain bitterly in letters to the newspapers of their treatment and advise everybody to stay away from Canada. Yet there are better opportunities in Canada today for settlers of the right quality than ever there were in the history of the country.

A news dispatch says forty-nine persons were sent to hospitals in New York on Christmas Day. All were suffering from the effects of drinking what is known as bootleg or moonshine whisky. Several of them died. That is what happened in one city in a nation of one hundred and ten millions of people; and that is what has convinced nearly all reasonable-minded men and women that prohibition not only fails to prohibit; it results in the manufacture and illicit sale of poison. Would it not be better to give the American people what they will have despite the provisions of the Eighteenth Amendment? If they were permitted to purchase good matured liquor under reasonable regulations, they would not drink stuff with poisonous properties.

Poems That Endure

Unwinding all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony.
—John Milton.

LIFE

Like to the falling of a star,
Or as the flight of eagles are,
Or like the fresh Spring's gaudy hue,
Or silver drops of morning dew,
Or like a wind that chafes the flood,
Or bubbles which on water stood—
Even such is man, whose borrowed light
Is straight called in, and paid tonight.
The wind blows out, the bubble dies,
The Spring entombed in Autumn lies,
The dew dries up, the star is shot,
The flight is past—and man forgot!
—Henry King.

By the Way—

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WHEN a native of the Belgian Congo discovers that a friend or relative whose manners become strange and cannot be explained by any other reason than contact and association with evil spirits, the black men hold a council and decide that the alleged victim of magic must have the devils driven out of his body. To do this a poisonous root is boiled, and the victim is compelled to drink the liquid. If the victim protests he is charged with being a coward, and his attitude shows clearly in the mind of his judges that he has been in communication with evil spirits.

Poison Cups to Drive Out Evil Spirits

The natives don't like to have their courage or prowess challenged, and between the desire to live and the desire to demonstrate that they are not half as bad as they are painted, like Socrates, they quaff the deadly cup. The Belgian law in the Congo is that a man giving another such a cup is guilty of murder. The effect of this law is that the open practice of this abominable custom has been pretty well abolished, but it still continues in secret.

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

A Good Stroke of Business

Sir,—John Dean's letter of December 24 in The Times is, to say the least, very misleading. John Dean endeavors to point out that the C.P.R. will be $19,630.91 in pocket per annum if the Amusement Centre by-law is passed. He does not, however, show how much money the C.P.R. will be out of pocket. That company is surely entitled to at least six per cent per annum on its investment. Then there is depreciation, insurance and upkeep of buildings and plant; five per cent per annum will be a conservative figure to work on. Now, lets deduct these charges from John Dean's estimate of the savings the C.P.R. will make per annum of $19,630.91.

Interest on $200,000, at 6 per cent per annum....	$12,000.00
Depreciation, insurance and upkeep of building and plant, $200,000, at 5 per cent	10,000.00
Total	$22,000.00

It looks to me that the C.P.R. will be out of pocket the difference between $22,000 and John Dean's estimated savings of. $19,630.91, or $2,369.09 per annum.

John Dean states: "There will be a continually increasing number of tourists come if no further efforts are made to attract, etc." Mr. Dean is quite correct in this statement, but we not only want them to come—we want them to stay awhile—not take a tally-ho ride around the city and catch the next boat out. Where the C.P.R. will make its money is by keeping the city full of tourists, thereby filling its own hotel. Another point we must consider is that if the C.P.R. is going to make this Amusement Centre a success it will have to advertise it all over the continent. This item of publicity alone will be worth thousands of dollars a year to Victoria. One of the biggest complaints I heard from the traveling public during my three years as president of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau was, "there was a lack of amusement and entertainment in Victoria."

Arguments similar to John Dean's were put forth when the original agreement was entered into with the C.P.R. to build the Empress Hotel. The building of the Empress Hotel was one of the best strokes of business the City of Victoria ever made. In my opinion the passing of the Amusement Centre by-law will be another good stroke of business.

J. C. PENDRAY.

Manager B. A. Paint Company, Limited, Victoria, B.C., December 28, 1923.

Mr. Dean and Amusement Centre

Sir,—Mr. Dean's argument that the proposed remission of taxes to the C.P.R. will cost the city $672,387 is easily answered, and has actually been answered by the City Comptroller. The present value of the tax remission is $168,000, and the C.P.R. agrees to spend now at least $200,000. In other words, they could look after the extra taxes by setting aside a sum considerably less than the minimum they contract to spend on the Amusement Centre.

What does the sum remitted amount to per annum per taxpayer? There are nearly 12,000 taxpayers: on Mr. Dean's own figures the remission is under $20,000. Is the Amusement Centre worth about $1.60 a year for twenty years to each taxpayer? That is its cost to the taxpayers.

At that, it is improbable that the taxpayers will lose anything at all. The building of the Crystal Gardens will certainly increase the value of property immediately round it. This increased value will mean increased assessment, and, therefore, increased revenue to the city in taxes. This increase will go to offset the so-called loss and may very well exceed it.

The big ship City of Victoria, to use Mr. Dean's own simile, is a fine vessel, but with too few passengers and too many empty cabins and too much unused space. Her owners (the taxpayers) can see that to make the ship pay they must fill the cabins, which can best be done by advertising. The owners are pressed for cash and can't afford to do much advertising themselves. Along comes a very wealthy passenger who has fitted up his own cabin at a cost of over $1,500,000. He is already paying $34,000 a year for the services the ship Victoria gives him. The owners of the ship know he has the largest business in Canada and that he has enormous advertising power and financial resources. So the owners suggest the passenger should advertise the ship and provide additional attractions for it. The wealthy passenger and the owners' manager (the City Council) agree that the passenger will fit up another suite (to be called Crystal Gardens) at a cost of not less than $200,000, which suite he must maintain and advertise at his own expense. If the passenger fails to keep the expensive suite open he agrees to hand it over to the owners of the ship without payment.

As some offset against all this, which will cost the passenger many tens of thousands annually, he asks that the annual price of his cabin be fixed at $15,000 instead of, say, $30,000. The managers think the ship will do far better under this scheme and they are asking the owners to back them up on Saturday, December 29.

There are many other ways of dealing with Mr. Dean's arguments, but I hope these will be sufficient.

H. C. HOLMES.

336 Newport Avenue, Victoria, B.C., December 27, 1923.

Amusement Centre

Sir,—The letter in your issue of this morning, signed by Mr. J. A. Shanks, is, in my opinion, a thoroughly sound argument in favor of the Amusement Centre, and has inspired me with the wish to say something to endorse the scheme and ask the people to vote promptly and to back the C.P.R. in its magnanimous offer.

I should like to sound an optimistic note of warning to all property holders in Victoria and vicinity to pay their taxes, smile and hold on, for with the Amusement Centre Crystal Gardens, two new palatial steamers, extra auto car ferries, Elk Like improvements, etc., etc., Greater Victoria will soon be reborn, because it will attract the leisured class of people of the world who spend money to pay us a visit, and, after seeing our delightful climate, make Victoria their home.

As a home site, Victoria has no equal for good, clean invigorating air. It also abounds with fruit, flowers and sweet perfumes. Monte Carlo, Nice, Cannes and the Riviera have seven months each year of lovely weather; Atlantic City, N.J., eight months; Pinehurst, N.C., six months; Florida, six months; Southern California, six months; Northern California, eight months; Greater Victoria, ten months of brilliant weather, with the two months of soft rain to change the season back again to Spring.

Victoria, for the past year at least, has had a most excellent set of high-class aldermen, and a most excellent Mayor. Victoria's Chamber of Commerce and other public bodies are composed of some real live business men. Its Publicity Bureau is well conducted. And, add to this the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's advertising department, together with the fact that we are now connected by several automobile ferry lines with the Great Pacific Highway, and so with the outside world.

It is my opinion that we will soon have enough real estate purchasers to absorb all of our present holdings, and soon find it necessary to plot more town lots to take care of the new flood of population.

I have lived in your city for the past two years and watched all you have said and done, and been much impressed with the future for Victoria. Although I have traveled much, I have never seen any other place that has so many livable days in the year as Victoria, and I consider it a great privilege and a joy to be able to live here.

Let us paint up the house, straighten and paint the fence, vote today for the Amusement Centre, and all go along together 100 per cent strong towards making Victoria the most talked about and delightful home centre in all the world.

C. P. HILL.

Member of Chamber of Commerce Amusement Centre Committee.

"Hillhaven," 724 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 28, 1923.

Swimming Baths

Sir,—Three or more years ago an agitation (not the first by any means) was started to get the public interested in salt water swimming baths. There were three hundred women using, at that time, the Y.M.C.A. tank on two days a week. We thought we could, with the assistance of the city, get the money subscribed to build an adequate tank, and we worked for a year at that scheme. What stood in its way? Just two things, heating the water and getting the salt water into the tank. The only way to heat the water adequately and economically was from the Empress Hotel laundry. The only way the water could be brought in was straight down Douglas Street from Beacon Hill, through solid rock.

Now the Canadian Pacific Railway has offered to establish the bathe for us, and if we were giving them twice what they ask it would not be too much, for, personally, after investigation of the project, they are going to spend more than they think they are in blasting through to the tanks. If anyone is foolish enough to vote against this by-law, let them remember they are also voting against ever having a swimming tank. All the tanks in the South are heated by steam or electricity, and the latter is most horribly expensive. If we vote this project down we can hardly look to the C.P.R. giving us the heat from their steam; in fact, if I remember rightly, they were not in favor of us tapping it when we broached the subject.

Let us cast our vote today either for or against the project, but try by our votes to show we have an intelligent appreciation of a good thing. City-owned bridges and waterworks have been expensive luxuries. We shall never have city-owned baths. It's now or never.

GEORGINA SEYMOUR KENT

228 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C., December 28, 1923.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of December 29, 1873)

Requisition—To Messrs. McCreight, Trimble, Duck and Beaven, members of the Legislative Assembly for Victoria, B.C. Gentlemen,—The undersigned, having learned from the Governor-in-Chief's speech that the local Government proposes to alter the Terms of Union with Canada by surrendering a part of the revenue secured to British Columbia by those terms, and also to surrender the guarantee of interest upon the sum required to build the Esquimalt drydock, consider the proposition of such grave importance, that they feel it incumbent on you, as their representatives, to call a public meeting as soon as possible in order to take the sense of your constituents thereon. W. F. Tolmie, Geo. Norris, W. J. Macdonald, Wm. Wilson, Jos. Wilson, J. S. Drummond, W. B. MacKenzie, J. Forman, Wm. Newman, J. Longhurst, Thomas Gorrie, Geo. Anderson, Geo. Jaques, M. R. Smith, J. Brown, Jas. Fell, Thomas Shotbolt, W. C. Robinson, Robt. Plummer, Wm. C. Bryant, Jas. Boyd, James Ferguson, Malcolm McCarty, Donald McKay, Wm. Curtis, Jas. Lowe, H. S. Jones, A. J. Langley, T. C. Nuttal, J. C. Mann, Wm. Lorimer, Thomas Hodges, T. J. Barnes.

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Holy See Relief Work

ROME, Dec. 28.—The beneficence of the Holy See toward relief work in Central Europe has reached more than $3,000,000, according to The Tribune.

DECLARES ROME CAN YIELD NOTHING

Nonconformist Journal Refers to Recent Church Union Parleys—Meetings Quite Unofficial

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The British Weekly, the great Nonconformist organ, commenting on the church reunion pour parlers at Malines, says:

"Rome can yield nothing. Her demand is full submission. The people of Britain, in their corporate capacity, never were less disposed for such submission. Any real compliance would rend the Church of England from top to bottom."

Prominent laymen, both Anglican and Nonconformist, are saying much the same thing, as The British Weekly says.

The Daily News, speaking of Rome's attitude with regard to the conferences on church reunion which were held at Malines and were initiated by Cardinal Mercier and some few Anglicans, as referred to by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his Christmas message from Lambeth Palace, says that a high prelate of the Vatican declared:

"These decisions are quite unofficial so far as the Vatican is concerned."

The Vatican, while wishing well to such efforts, remains outside. The two points of view are very far apart. With such differences an agreement is difficult, and the Vatican itself prefers to keep out of any conversations aiming at reunion, unless the Anglicans really want more than simple friendship between the churches and are willing to recognize the supreme religious authority of the Pope.

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P.G.E. AUDIT NOT OVER: PREMIER

Report Tabled in Legislature on Last Day of Session Is Merely Interim One, It Is Stated

MR. DOUGALD DONAGHY IS FAVORED FOR PROBE

Mr. Oliver Issues Statement, Pointing Out That More Figures Are to Come—Discovers Missing Details

THE last has not been heard of the audit which Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, have been making into the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. The report tabled on the last day of the session, and in respect of which Conservative members failed to secure any details because Mr. Speaker promptly left the chair to greet His Honor, is, according to the statement of Premier Oliver, an interim one. There will be more coming. The firm of auditors, says the Premier, has been instructed to delve still further into the intricacies of the Government-owned road and its operations.

Yesterday Premier Oliver issued a statement as follows:

"Owing to the determination of the Government to present a copy of the auditors' report to the Legislature before prorogation, the report was not quite complete in all details. The auditors have been further instructed to follow these details to the limit.

"On Page 9 of the auditors' report, these words occur:

"'On B (1), there is a difference of $131,686.47 shown in respect to the unit cost of bridge quantities, when compared with the similar costs shown on the Chief Engineer's final progress estimate. We have been informed that the difference represents an adjustment by the Chief Engineer in respect of the inventory of timber taken over on the completion of the construction, the details of which, so far as we could ascertain, are not now available.'

"When the paragraph came to my attention, I had the missing details located within a few minutes, and these details are now in possession of the auditors and are being checked over by them. I have every reason to believe that there are absolutely no papers missing in respect to P.G.E. Railway matters in the Department of Railways."

The recent Federal legislation which prohibits a Judge to take fees for investigations unless authorized to do so, has somewhat blocked the Provincial administrator's plan to name a Judge to conduct the inquiry. Under the circumstances it is likely that the Provincial Government will appeal to Ottawa to allow of the inquiry being carried on under a judge of the higher court, the idea being that such an investigation will be received by the people of the Province with satisfaction and belief.

So far, Mr. Dougald Donaghy is the one best bet for counsel for the Government at the hearings.

BIGGER CHIMNEYS WANTED BY SANTA

Found Entry Rather Difficult at Rotary Club Christmas Tree at Pantages Theatre Yesterday—Jolly Entertainment Provided Fun and Gifts for Nearly Seven Hundred Youngsters Who Attended Party

SANTA CLAUS yesterday registered a strong protest against small chimneys. He is by nature strongly good-tempered. But he dislikes getting into a tight chimney, and all the good things which he has had to eat during the Christmas holidays have so increased his girth that he very nearly stuck on the way down from the roof to the stage of the Pantages Theatre yesterday afternoon at the annual Rotary Club Christmas tree.

However, he did scramble through, his appearance being hailed with shrill screams of excitement by the six or seven hundred youngsters crowded into the theatre to await his coming. And breathless and slightly disheveled as he was he managed to start off in the same old jolly way with: "Well, here we are again!" Not much time was wasted after the Christmas greetings were delivered. Twenty-five or thirty of the Rotary Club members were distributed about the auditorium, and they organized the little guests into two queues which marched down the aisles and up the improvised stairways right on to the stage, where the presents were handed to them by Santa assisted by other members of the organization which was giving the delightful entertainment. Horns and dolls and wagons, hockey sticks, baseball bats, table games, mouth organs, puzzle books, story books—in fact, everything known to toy shops and places which supply things beloved by small boys and girls—found owners in quick order. It was an interesting and joyous procession which poured forth through the stage door at the back of the theatre ten or fifteen minutes later, arms laden with treasures too precious even for mother to be allowed to carry. The tooting of horns, blowing of mouth organs, thumping of drums and other small instruments sounded like the approach of a small band.

Opens Early

The Christmas tree party began at 2 o'clock. But there was quite a crowd at the theatre door at least half an hour before this, and in mercy to the smaller children, some of whom were feeling the cold, the doors had to be opened earlier than the time announced.

The intervening half hour was pleasantly filled with an amusing "slapstick" film kindly lent at the last moment by Mr. Clarke, of the Columbia Theatre.

At 2 o'clock the curtain was suddenly rushed up, and a moment's astonished silence as the giant tree (whose upper branches disappeared in the top of the theatre somewhere) was revealed in its gorgeous and glittering trappings, was followed by a united gasp on the part of the seven hundred spectators, who promptly forgot all restraint and gave vent to its excitement in a pandemonium of comment and gleeful exclamation.

It was a real "eyeful," and it is almost a wonder that anyone had the presence of mind to observe Santa trying to make his entry, in as dignified a manner as possible, through the rather tight chimney. However, he "made the grade," and fetched up triumphant and red and smiling. His invitation to the children to come up and receive their presents was a signal for signs of a stampede toward the stage, and only the timely forethought of the Rotary Club prevented an uncomfortable rush.

Santa Was Busy

Santa himself was furiously busy handing gifts off the tree, but he had the assistance of Rotarians Herbert Kent, Frank Sehl, H. F. Pullen, Jimmy Hunter, "Vic" Clarke and Bob Webb, who gave valiant service in distributing parcels to the youngsters. There were many near catastrophes as recipients of gifts in their excitement tripped and fell over toy wagon or doll's china tea-set; but kind hands always seemed ready just at the psychological moment to prevent the smashing of the new treasures. Babies in arms right up to the fifteen-year-old boy or girl were equally well remembered.

It was through the thoughtfulness of Rotarian Bill Nachtrieb that some lame children were brought in by motor all the way from Saanich, and another Rotarian saw that they were taken home comfortably by the same means after the entertainment.

The tree was a masterpiece of gorgeousness, being decorated by Rotarians Pete Johnson, Lloyd Muirie, Ernie Halsall, "Vic" Clarke, Harry Miller and Frank Sehl. Mr. Ernie Hayward adjusting the electric lights which added so much to its gaiety.

Santa Claus found the children for the most part shy and very grateful for their presents. But he recalled when the whole thing was over that there were others among the boys and girls who were rather fussy, did not like what he had brought for them, and at the same time did not seem to know what they did want. Dolls were in great demand by the girls—and by some of the very small boys. Altogether there were about one hundred distributed off the tree. Sewing-sets were very popular among the girls; trains and wagons and bats and "constructors" among the boys. Of course there were candies and oranges for all.

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OBITUARIES

UPWARD—The funeral of Joyce Florence Upward, the six years and four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Upward, of 2765 Rosebery Avenue, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were present and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. Rev. William Stevenson officiated and the hymns sung were "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." The pallbearers were Misses Constance Jacob and May Jacob, Mr. Cecil Jones, all cousins of the little girl, and Mr. Joseph Toneri. The remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay cemetery.

ISHII—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mistu Ishii, wife of Mr. K. Ishii, of 1134 Yates Street, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were present and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held. Rev. S. Nakaishi officiated and the remains were forwarded on the afternoon boat to Seattle, where cremation will take place.

MONK—The funeral of the late Mrs. May Quinton Monk, beloved wife of Mrs. J. H. Monk and eldest daughter of Mrs. C. Q. Bown, of Winnipeg, will take place this afternoon, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock services will be conducted at the Holy Trinity Church, Patricia Bay, by the Rev. T. M. Hughes, assisted by Rev. A. W. Collins, of Salt Spring Island.

AMBLER—There passed away yesterday morning at her residence, 66 Moss Street, Miss Susie Ambler, aged sixty-six years. She was born in Stratford, Ontario, and had resided in Victoria for the past thirty years. The deceased is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Ambler, in the United States; one niece, Miss E. M. Ambler, in Victoria, and two brothers, Benjamin and David Ambler, in Alberta. The remains are resting at the chapel of the B.C. Funeral Company, where service will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Sipprell will officiate, and interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

PAULINE—Service over the remains of Mr. John Albert Pauline will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the B.C. Funeral Chapel. The remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

HOCKLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Hockley took place yesterday afternoon at her late residence at Langford, where service was conducted by the Rev. H. Pearson. Many friends attended, and the casket and hearse were covered with flowers. Interment was made at Colwood Cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. C. Thom, D. E. F. Bullen, G. T. Phipps and H. A. Hincks.

JOSEPH—The death occurred at a very late hour on Thursday night at the St. Joseph's Hospital of Mrs. Mable Joseph, aged 36 years, a native of Port Renfrew and a resident of this city for the past sixteen years. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Mr. Walter Joseph, and two children, one son and one daughter. The remains are reposing at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, from where the funeral will take place on Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock, and fifteen minutes later service will be held at the St. Joseph's Church, Esquimalt, when the Rev. Father John F. Silver will officiate.

ROBSON—Funeral arrangements for the late Mrs. Annie Robson, who passed away at an early hour Friday morning, will be announced later. The remains are reposing at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street.

Northern Ontario

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 28.—Snow is general all over Northern Ontario. It is snowing this morning at North Bay, Soo and Parry Sound. The snowfall yesterday ranged from three to six inches.

AGED MUSICIAN WAS ONCE NOTED ARTIST

Mr. Herbert Evans, Whose Death Took Place Yesterday, Began Career as Operatic Singer

A picturesque figure and a charming and interesting personality has been removed by the death yesterday at one of the private nursing homes of the city of Mr. Herbert George Evans. The funeral is to take place this afternoon from McCall Bros.' Funeral Home, services to be held at 2:30 at St. Barnabas' Church.

Mr. Evans afforded an instance of the gifted and sensitive artist with whom fate chose to deal unkindly, and whose lot it was to have to fight simultaneously the two enemies, ill-health and adverse circumstances. Seventy-four years of age at the time of his death, he began life an artist justified in entertaining the highest hopes of success. A singer, he studied with the great Lamperti and others of the Italian school, and had his appearances in opera at Covent Garden with some of the great stars of the day. Then his voice failed, and he turned to the piano, becoming so skilled an accompanist that he was on the staff of the Royal Guildhall School of Music, and came to occupy a position of authority in the musical life of London. He had a charming personality and a versatility in art which brought him friendships with many distinguished artists, among them being Mme. Alma Gluck. He was accompanist to Dame Clara Butt when she made her debut in London in 1892.

He was a great student, and took a keen interest in the great questions of the day. Also a great linguist and traveler, he had visited almost every part of the world at one time or another, and brought back many interesting reminiscences of the peoples and places he saw. He went to Manitoba first when he came from the Old Land to Canada, and four years ago moved out to Victoria in the search for health. Here, too, he made many friends, among those who had interested themselves in him being Mrs. Walter Nichol. He was one of the most regularly-seen patrons of musical events, and also took a great interest in pictures and all matters pertaining to art, being a familiar figure at any of the gallery exhibitions here.

Mr. Woodrow Wilson Celebrates His 67th Aniversary of Birth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Woodrow Wilson is sixty-seven years old today, but there were no celebrations or demonstrations to break the quiet routine of his home. The former President spent the day much in the manner that he has passed his time in recent months. He continues his programme of rest, varied with frequent automobile rides into the country.

WILL VOTE TODAY ON AMUSEMENT CENTRE

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senting his argument, appears to weaken it by pleading at least for delay.

"The number of people in sympathy with his evidence appear to be far, far in the minority. But determined minorities are hard factors to overcome, if the great majority are so sure of their ground that too many become indifferent to their public duty.

Best Horse Oft Loses

"Many times it has happened that the best horse loses a race by a nose because the jockey didn't start him up in time. Start at the polls at the earliest possible moment with a jump, take the lead and keep it. Visualize what victory for the by-law means and realize that your work in its behalf is not for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company but for yourself and your own best future. For twenty years now the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has been doing things for Victoria—helping itself, it is true, but helping us at the same time. The old-type side-wheel steamboat has given place to the modern liner; acres of tideflats, where the odors of Araby blew, have given place to acres of showy, perfumed gardens, surrounding a hotel home, the Empress; an old wood headquarters building is giving place to a modern block which will grace Victoria's wonderful inner harbor front.

"And now, to absorb two more acres of that same old area of perfumed frontage, our same old friend proposes to put the same to useful and ornamental purpose by planting it into botanical gardens, surrounding a centre of delight.

"Don't you think you will be well advised to make it your most important business today not only to vote for the by-law, but to see that all your friends are advised not to forget their civic duty?

"No matter how large a majority are in favor of the by-law, it doesn't count if they stay home, or cannot leave business long enough to vote. Only the votes cast count in the verdict. We will make it easy for you, whether lady or gentleman, to get to the polls if you will only call up Phone 292 or 469, and let us know at what hour to call for you.

"Now, you will be on hand, and try to get others to come, too; won't you?

"The vote is an individual right, but it is also a public duty."

SANTA CLAUS VISITS CHINA MISSION HALL

On Wednesday, December 19, the annual entertainment of the Night School and Y.M.C.A. of the Anglican Chinese Mission was held in the Mission Hall. The rooms were filled to the doors, mostly with the Chinese of the various missions.

The Rev. N. L. Ward, superintendent of Chinese Missions in British Columbia, interpreted from time to time for the benefit of the white visitors. Christmas songs and dialogues were given under the able direction of Miss Edith Coe, by a band of the older girls. The story of the Christmas message was the theme of every speaker and singer throughout the evening.

At the close of the programme the Rev. Mr. Ward made a presentation of a handsome work basket to Mrs. Brake, and a prayer book to Mrs. Cook on behalf of the W.A., as a token of appreciation of the valuable work done by them. Presents were also given to the visiting gentlemen and evening teachers from the young men of the Night School.

On Friday afternoon, December 21, the day and Sunday School children's Christmas tree and entertainment were held in the Mission Hall. A very well arranged programme of songs was given under the direction of Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Coe, assisted by Mrs. Brake at the piano.

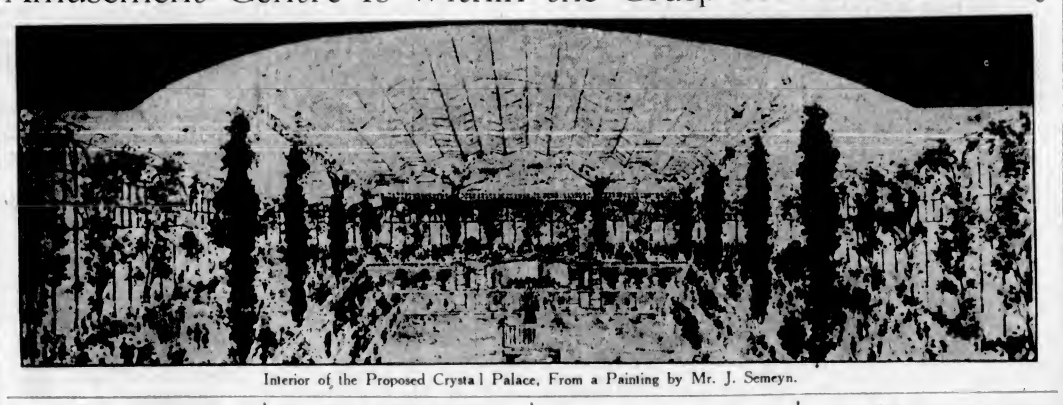
Mr. Belson kindly distributed the gifts from the tree, every little girl being made happy with a doll and the boys with games, etc. Santa Claus then arrived with a big pack of candles, which were quickly distributed. Later tea was served to all present in the upstairs schoolroom by the evening teachers.

Too much cannot be said for the excellent and untiring work being done by Mrs. Gilbert Cook, the missionary in charge, who has for a long time borne the entire oversight of all the work, both day, evening and Sundays.

Hunger or Dishonor

The question of great urgency is that of the relation of the Ruhr and the Rhineland to the rest of Germany. The population of these regions and the Committee of Fifteen who represent the Rhineland parties have been compelled by a continual and varied application of the arts of French coercion to consider seriously the question as to whether they had better not avoid intolerable physical calamities by constituting themselves into a sort of independent state under French protection.—London Times.

Amusement Centre Is Within the Grasp of Victoria Today



Interior of the Proposed Crystal Palace, From a Painting by Mr. J. Semeyn.

ST. AIDAN'S TO HAVE CHRISTMAS MISSION

Special services will be conducted at St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church, corner of Bay Road and Mount Tolmie, from Sunday, December 30, at 11 a.m., to January 4, by Rev. J. K. Unsworth, D.D., of Victoria, assisted by Mr. T. H. Nichol, of London, Ont., soloist and director of song, who are engaged by the Department of Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and have conducted successful missions on the Prairies and at different points in British Columbia.

At the Christmas services last Sunday at St. Aidan's, and at Gordon Head, very fine music was rendered by the joint choirs, and was greatly enjoyed by the congregations.

Italian Village Burns

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City and District

Concert Was a Success—The closing concert in the Lampson Street School was a decided success this year, and the members of the Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation of the work done by the principal, the staff, and the pupils of the school. A balance of about $101 was cleared for the school.

Purchase Mimeograph—The Esquimalt School Board at its meeting last evening decided to purchase a mimeograph for the use of the Lampson Street School. Principal Campbell pointed out that the duplicating machine would be of very great assistance in connection with the preparation of reports and in various other ways.

Kumtuks Luncheon—The regular Kumtuks luncheon will be held on Monday at Spencer's private dining-room at 12 o'clock, when the programme will take the form of music. As the holiday season is now on, it is anticipated that many of the members, particularly school teachers, who are unable in the ordinary way to get to the luncheons, will be able to attend.

Community Dance—At the weekly community dance at the Armories tonight, the 5th Regiment twenty-piece orchestra will render the following dance music: Fox trots, "Easy Melody," "Sun-uv-er-Gun," "Last Night On the Back Porch," "Just One More Kiss," "Shufflin' Along;" waltzes, "Waltz Me to Sleep," "In Your Arms," "Mississippi Ripples," "Somehow," "Are You Lonely?" and "No Man's Land."

Liberal Ladies' Dance—The Liberal Ladies' Club will give its second Saturday night dance at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight from 9 to 12 o'clock. Zala's orchestra will be in attendance and Mr. David Dumbleton and Wilfred Hill will sing in the choruses. A free drawing of turkeys will take place during the evening, their being three prizes offered for this purpose with a fourth consolation prize. These dances are being given during the Winter months in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, owing to the organization having outgrown its own quarters, and it is hoped that all Liberals and their friends will attend as often as possible. This week is Ward Two week and the officers of the ward are out to make it as big a night that none of the other wards will be able to beat it.

Committed for Trial—Following a preliminary inquiry before Magistrate Jay yesterday, Harold Washington was sent up for trial in a higher court on a charge of driving a motor car recklessly on Douglas Street, last Christmas Day. Eyewitnesses described how the McLaughlin car driven by the accused collided at the Princess Avenue intersection with a disabled truck, in tow of another truck, driven by a Chinaman. Both vehicles were wrecked, the McLaughlin car going on after the impact for a distance of forty-five feet, to where it hit and broke off a telephone pole. Two passengers in the defendant's car sustained injuries which took them to hospital. Allegations of excessive speed were made by the prosecution, and one witness thought the defendant had been drinking. Mr. F. C. Elliott appeared for the defendant, who reserved his defence.

CONDITION OF FIRE VICTIMS CRITICAL

HAVE FIGHTING CHANCE WITH DEATH, SAYS DOCTOR

Slight Improvement Noticeable Last Night—Crisis Will Be Reached on Sunday

"They each have a good fighting chance for recovery," stated Dr. James F. Grant last night, when asked regarding the condition of Herbert and Stephen Lacoursiere, who were terribly burned early Thursday evening in the fire which destroyed the home of the former on Old West Saanich Road.

The condition of both men is very critical, the doctor added, and it was impossible to tell exactly what their chances were until sufficient time had elapsed to determine the extent of absorption. He believed, however, that if anything their condition had improved somewhat, particularly in the case of the younger brother, Herbert. They are patients at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The disastrous fire which caused the severe injuries to the two Lacoursiers brothers, and which destroyed the home of one, followed the explosion of a gasoline lamp in one of the rooms about 7:30 o'clock Thursday night. The flaming fluid was thrown about the room and upon the clothing of Stephen Lacoursiere and on his face. Albert, another brother, who was visiting at the Lacoursiere home from Alberni, was burned about the hands when he went to the assistance of Herbert in getting Stephen out of the burning building.

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scholarship of $120), and the Universities of Michigan and Pittsburgh.

After exploring the north shore of Lake Superior, he returned to take up private practice as a doctor at Guelph and Preston. He entered the service of the Dominion Government in 1879 with the topographical surveys branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa. His work as a surveyor gave him rather unique and picturesque experiences. Not only did he survey big areas of the prairies of the Northwest, but he undertook exploration work along the Saskatchewan and Nelson rivers to Hudson Bay in 1884, and one of his earlier visits to Victoria was at the time that he began his transcontinental longitude determinations from the Pacific Coast eastward in 1885. He made a survey of the C.P.R. through the Rocky Mountains and the Selkirks as a basis for the delimitation of the 40-mile railway belt granted by British Columbia to the Dominion in 1886, and was the first to determine the heights of the principal mountains along the railway, naming many of the peaks.

Still other occasions on which he visited Victoria were in 1889 and again in 1893-94, when he was sent on boundary survey missions to Alaska. In 1892 he was associated with transatlantic longitude surveys; he was sent on a survey mission to Russia in 1898, and as head, in 1903-04, of the survey for transpacific longitude both he and Canada gained much credit, as this completed the first astronomic girdle of the world.

He was a member or a great number of scientific societies, in 1884 being made the first president of the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors, and among his subsequent distinctions becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, England. He was chosen president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Ottawa, in 1908.

Although not an author in the sense of being a writer of books, he was a voluminous contributor of articles on astronomy, mathematics and seismology, which appeared in scientific journals and popular journals of science, and he belonged to the Authors' Club, London. Dr. Plaskett recalled that he was a great reader and student, had a keen literary taste and possessed a very fine general library of about three thousand volumes.

Dr. Klotz was the earliest astronomer in Canada and had been connected with government astronomical research and survey work for about fifty years. It was with Dr. King that he was first associated in the surveys of international boundaries and the laying out of the base lines for the Northwest Territories.

It was on the death of Dr. King in recent years that Dr. Klotz was appointed to succeed him as director of the observatory at Ottawa, where he had occupied the position of assistant director for some time. Last year he went to Rome as representing Canada at the International Astronomical Union sessions, and it was evident that he overtaxed his strength at that time as he had been in indifferent health ever since.

CHILDREN'S BALL

HUNDREDS OF KIDDIES ENJOY AFFAIR AT EMPRESS HOTEL

Eighth Annual Fancy Dress Dance Held by Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., Is Successful

One of the prettiest dances of the entire year in the past has always been the Children's Fancy Dress Ball given by the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., under the management of Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, and this fact was again charmingly evidenced last evening when about five hundred children assembled for the eighth annual dance held at the Empress Hotel.

The scene was picturesque to a delightful degree, and the softly shaded lights of the ballroom reflected the gaily colored dresses of the youthful dancers in most pleasing kaleidoscopic effect. Ranging from the tender years of one and two to the more sophisticated ages of the "subdebs" the little people played and danced in the light-hearted gaiety of the moment, and Heaton's orchestra, rendering a truly attractive programme of dance music, was kept busily engaged in giving encore after encore.

Promptly at 9 o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, attended by Mr. H. J. Muskett, entered the ballroom, after which the Grand March took place, headed by a diminutive little Bo-Peep, Baby Watt, and a youthful sailor, Beverley Honour. The procession was delightfully spectacular with children of all ages, in all kinds of fancy costumes. Dainty little "powder-puff" girls marched by the side of sturdy young Sheiks, while butterfly maidens had as their escorts daring pirates and black-faced Zulus.

Among the many little guests were the Misses Ross, Theo Tait; Phyllis McIntosh, as a fairy; Gladys McIntosh, Agnes McInnes; Laura Wilby, rabbit; Opal Crawford, powder-puff; Dolores Hobbis; Audrey Iland, queen of hearts; Dolores Pettingell, Roman guard; Gertrude Philips, Mary Hallas, Vera Catton; Ruby McIntyre, Victorian period; Agnes Nesbit, Eileen McPherson Kathleen Nesbit; Faith Monk, Swiss maiden; Rhoda Clarke, Molly Hibben, Irish colleen; Ruth Jenkins, Pomona Edwards, Yrma Mitchell, Beatrice Ruttan, Inez Mitchell; Marjorie Spencer, Egyptian; Marjérie Gibbons, Chinese girl; Jessie Muskett, fairy; Mary Muskett, fairy; Anne Matloch, Christmas cracker; Gladys Purves, queen of hearts; Gloria Wilson, a lovely black and gold butterfly; Betty Power, buttercup; Renee Fox, Egyptian; Evelyn Macdonald, powder-puff; Elrene Aitken, Spanish dancer; Rosalie Dale, Kathleen Bone, Margaret Mackie, Alexe Bradshaw, Beth Grimson, Kathleen Johnston; Julia Meighen, as a fairy queen; Eileen Shotbolt, a Spanish lady; Marjorie Aitken, Spanish lady; Jeanette Cornyn, buttercup; Maxine Green; Phyllis Baylis, fairy; Gertrude Partridge, Spanish lady; Sylvia and Diana Cunningham, Doreen Campbell, Phyllis Mason, Ruth Richards, Helen Whiteley; Dorothy Rogers, Turkish lady; Dorothy Jones; Ivy Walkem, Spanish lady; Muriel Baxter, powder-puff; Betty Plimley; Elsa Halpin, wood nymph; Geraldine Sander, gipsy; Freda Wheadon, Miriam Biggin, Dorothy Tyrer, Ruth Penman; Thelma Rideout, rainbow; Francis Biggin, Antoinette Holbis; Messrs. R. Hotham, spinning top; John Bushby, sulu; Gordon Fletcher, Mexican; Louis Moriarty, jockey; John Symons, Teddy Slingsby; Eric Hamber, Robin Hood; Edmund Catheis, Jack-in-the-box; Leighton McMicking, Alfred Harvey, Donald Harvey, G. C. Dennis, Humphrey Golby; Sonny Muskett, sheik; R. M. Knight and W. B. Knight, as cricketers; Bryan Burdon-Murphy, as Dick Whittington, and many others.

Supper was served at two sittings to accommodate the many guests, and later in the evening the dance was attended by "grown-ups," who joined in the dancing until a late hour.

Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, who had charge of all arrangements in connection with the affair, was assisted by members of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., in entertaining the many present.

RATEPAYERS OF WARD SIX IN ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. E. P. Johnston Is Re-elected President—Nomination of Candidates Is Postponed

Mr. E. P. Johnston was re-elected president of the Ward Six, Saanich, Ratepayers' Association at the annual meeting held on Thursday night in the Temperance Hall, Keating. Other officers chosen were: Vice-president, Mr. Alex. Thomson; secretary-treasurer, Mr. George Stewart, re-elected; auditor, Mr. Walter Thomson.

Annual reports were presented by the president and secretary, outlining the years' activities of the association, and an appeal for new members, meeting with a ready response.

Mr. Holloway, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, of Saanich, announced his retirement after four years of service. He had in that time been absent from but one meeting, he said. He gave a brief outline of the work accomplished during his years of office, and was accorded a standing vote of thanks.

Under the Clock

City Hall Activities in Brief

The City Council yesterday afternoon again laid over the question of paying outstanding accounts of the Victoria Auto Camp, as Alderman Woodward and Mayor Hayward said they had not received copies of the camp's financial statement. Alderman Leeming failed to secure the payment of bills to the total of $1,100.

Had the opportunity presented itself, Alderman Andros said he would have presented figures to show that expenditures by the camp had totalled $6,898.80, while the city grant amounted to $3,500, and earnings, $1,698.80, leaving a shortage of $1,700. He contends that the camp trustees should not have gone so far beyond their resources without reporting to the Council.

Unless something unexpected occurs, the highway section of the Johnson Street bridge will be ready for use on January 11, City Engineer F. M. Preston notified the City Council yesterday.

Tax arrears on lands which have reverted to the city, amounting to $199,225, shown on the books of the city in the past as an asset, were ordered written off.

The Council was informed that of the total levy of $1,858,985 for 1923, a total of $1,524,484 had been collected to date, leaving a shortage of $334,501.

A bill from the firm of Belcourt & Leduc, the city's solicitors at Ottawa, for their unsuccessful attempts to have the Lord's Day Act amended by the Federal Parliament, was received and ordered paid. Alderman Todd declared that the Act as it now stood placed the police force and Police Commission in an "unfair and improper position."

Instructions were given for the following exchange of securities with the Royal Financial Corporation: For $25,000 C.N.R. seven per cent bonds due December 1, 1940 (callable December 1, 1935), now held by the city, purchased at 117 and accrued interest and a cash payment to the city of $178, the city will receive £4,600 City of Victoria four per cent bonds, due 1937, at 84.64 and accrued interest, £1,800 City of Victoria four per cent bonds due 1962 at 74 and accrued interest, £1,000 City of Victoria four per cent bonds, due 1958, at 74.84 and accrued interest (total $36,012), the annual profit to the city on this transaction being $192.

The Council agreed to the exchange of a lot on Howe Street, owned by Mr. J. R. Wescott, 2628 Fernwood Road, for that owned by the city at the northeast corner of Cook and Oxford Streets, Mr. Westcott to pay $180. He wishes to build a store on the Cook Street property.

The plans for widening Fort Street between Pandora Avenue and Foul Bay Road was approved by the Council, and the City Solicitor authorised to prepare the necessary by-law to make it effective. The matter of rounding and widening dangerous corners on various streets was referred to the new Council.

The city owns the Romano Theatre, which, however, is being operated by a private individual. In consequence of orders from the moving picture censor, certain alterations were authorized by the Council, the estimated cost being $600.

The December portion of the aldermanic indemnity was four cents larger than that paid during the other eleven months of the year. Eleven instalments of $33.33 each were paid, and to make the even $400, the amount paid this month was $33.37.

The city has not yet obtained its portion of the liquor profits for the last period of six months, but it may arrive at the City Hall today.

A supplementary estimates by-law, covering transfers from one item of the estimates to the other during the year, was passed by the Council yesterday.

At Marigold — Under the auspices of the Garden City Women's Institute, a children's party will be held in Marigold Hall today from 5 to 9 p.m. Supper will be served and there will be a Christmas tree, and games for the children. All children of the district are invited.

Half-Million Counterfeit

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—More than $500,000 in counterfeit $10 bills have been placed in circulation between the eastern coast and the Rocky Mountains, according to federal secret service men, who have assembled here to clean up makers and circulators of the bogus currency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cadillac "8"—50c Taxi—Shopping and calling $2 per hour. Phone 4986.

Local Scenes in Water-Color, New Year Gifts, Novelty Calendars. 612 View Street.

Butter—The very best, local, fresh churned, Salt Spring Island Creamery, now retailing at 55c per lb.

Miss M. Kitto is holding her Christmas exhibition of pictures and crafts in studio (upstairs), 401 Union Bank Building.

Electric Washing Compound—Winning renown all over town. Amberine Oil, best for mopping. Harold Simpson & Co., Government Street Market.

Superfluous Hair permanently destroyed. Moles successfully removed; scientific, antiseptic, safe, absolute cure guaranteed; 15 years' practical experience. Miss Hanman (certificated London specialist), 22 Winch Building.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 28, 1923.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer remains low over this Province, and snow has been general from the lower Mainland to Kootenay. Zero temperatures prevail on the Prairies.

TEMPERATURE	Min.	Max.
Victoria	37	42
Vancouver	34	38
Kamloops	26	38
Barkerville	12	14

Special Xmas Dinners, $1.00, 5:30 to 8. Strathcona Cafe.

New January Records
On Sale Today

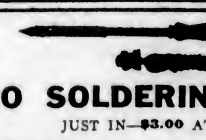


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By the World's Best Artists

Here is another list of great Records, proving that "His Master's Voice" is always first to bring out the biggest hits and first to secure the best artists.

19169—**An Orange Grove In California.** Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman's Orchestra.
Dancing Honeymoon. Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman's Orchestra.
19172—**Sleep.** Waltz. Waring's Orchestra.
The West, A Nest, And You. Waltz. Waring's Orchestra.
19187—**In Love With Love.** Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman's Orchestra.
Raggedy Ann. Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman's Orchestra.
19184—**Bit by Bit You're Breaking My Heart.** Fox Trot. Charles Dornberger and His Orchestra.
Sunshine of Mine. Fox Trot. Charles Dornberger and His Orchestra.
19165—**Old Fashioned Love.** Fox Trot. Arthur Gibbs and His Gang.
Charleston. Medley Fox Trot. Arthur Gibbs and His Gang.
19174—**Broken-Hearted Melody.** Waltz. The Troubadours.
The Waltz of Long Ago. Medley Waltz. The Troubadours.
19093—**No, No Nora!** Fox Trot. The Benson Orchestra of Chicago (Direction of Don Bestor)
I Cried For You. Fox Trot. (Now It's Your Turn to Cry Over Me). The Collegians.
19185—**Shake Your Feet.** Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.
Swanee River Blues. Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.

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1607 Douglas St., Opp. City Hall. Telephone 643

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For Hall or Entrance decorations, both Standards and Pyramidal. What more fitting and lasting gifts for this festive season could you provide? Come and see them and make your own selection.

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$18 to $42.50
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Prince Rupert	32	36
Kelowna	34	44
Calgary, Alta.	4b	24
Winnipeg, Man.	0	4
Portland, Ore.	44	54
San Francisco, Cal.	44	56
Seattle, Wash.	42	44
Penticton	32	34
Nelson	32	38
Kaslo	24	28
Cranbrook	21	29
Edmonton, Alta.	18b	4b
Prince Albert, Sask.	2b	6b

FRIDAY

Maximum	43
Minimum	37
Average	40
Minimum on the grass	34

Bright sunshine, 1 hour, 6 minutes.
Rain, .47 inch.
General state of the weather, fair.

Stewart's Selling SPATS



Half Price

About 200 pairs in all the very newest shades, including beaver, castor, slate, taupe and black; reinforced seams, all buttons and button holes, buckram bound and with the approved undersling leather-lined straps. Regular price $3.00. While they last a pair. **$1.45**

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NEW YEAR GIFTS OF THE PRACTICAL KIND

Special Year-End Bargain Offerings in Every Department

In every section of this great store Saturday shoppers will find numerous suggestions for practical New Year Gifts, comprising various lines of Christmas Merchandise greatly reduced in price. Saturday shopping attractions include also our Year-End Sales of Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, Women's Seasonable Footwear and Men's and Boys' Clothing

Notice to Restaurant Patrons

We respectfully beg to intimate to our patrons that, owing to the staff banquet being held this evening, our restaurant will not be open for afternoon teas.

Our Usual 50c Luncheon Served as Usual From 11:30 to 2:30.

PURITY GROCERIES

Delivered Right to Your Door

Hudson's Bay Company's "Seal of Quality" Creamery Butter, per lb. ..... **49¢**
3 lbs. for **$1.45**
No. 1 Quality Creamery Butter, per lb. ..... **47¢**
3 lbs. for **$1.38**
Pure Bulk Lard, per lb. ..... **20¢**
3 lbs. for ..... **58¢**
Machine Sliced Ayrshire Roll, per lb. ..... **38¢**
Finest Quality Side Bacon, per lb. ..... **35¢**
Peameal Back Bacon, per lb., **38¢**
Little Pig Pork Sausages, lb., **25¢**
Swift's Premium Ham, per lb., **38¢**
Prime Mild Cured Hams, lb., **34¢**
Turkeys, Geese and Chickens at Popular Prices.
Hudson's Bay Company's Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. ..... **55¢**
3 lbs. for **$1.60**
Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, whole, ground or pulverized. Per lb. ..... **35¢**
3 lbs. for **$1.00**
Finest Quality B. C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper sack **$2.03**
Five Roses, Royal Household and Purity Flour, 98-lb. sack **$3.65**
49-lb. sack **$1.88**
24-lb. sack ..... **95¢**
A few crackers and stockings left which will be cleared at greatly reduced prices.

Fruit and Vegetables

Choice Almeria Grapes, lb., **35¢**
Red Emperor Grapes, per lb., **25¢**
Jap Oranges, per box ..... **45¢**
New Navel Oranges, per doz., **25¢, 35¢, 50¢** and ..... **60¢**
Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs. **25¢**
Fancy Local King Apples, 5 lbs. for ..... **25¢**
Large Florida Grapefruit at each ..... **15¢**
California Grapefruit, 3 for **25¢**
Head Lettuce, per head ..... **15¢**
Hothouse Tomatoes, per lb., **35¢**
Local Cauliflower, each, and ..... **20¢** and **25¢**
Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs. for **25¢**
Fresh Spinach, 4 lbs. for **25¢**
Fine Local Celery, per head, **10¢**
Cabbage, celery, leeks, parsnips, turnips, carrots, sweet potatoes, Spanish onions, parsley, etc.

—Lower Main Floor

Delicious Candies

H. B. C. Special Mixture, lb., **30¢**
H. B. C. Hand-Rolled Assorted Chocolates, hard and soft centres. Per lb. ..... **50¢**
H. B. C. Dinner Party Mints, suitable for table decoration; lb., **40¢**
Finest Assorted Chocolates, hard and soft centres. Per lb. ..... **80¢**
Butterscotch, per lb. ..... **40¢**
Peanut Brittle, per lb. ..... **30¢**

—Main Floor

Saturday Specials in the China Section

Decorated Porridge Sets for Children
Including jug and bowl. Price, per set ..... **50¢**
Nursery Chinaware, mugs, plates and bowls. Each ..... **50¢**

English Plain Brown Betty and Band Design Teapots
Five and six-cup size. Price, each ..... **50¢**

200 Dozen China Cups and Saucers
A shortage of cups is always apparent at the festive season. These are exceptional value. Band Pattern and decorated line design, in straight shape and kermis style, 4 for **89¢**

Another Big Tumbler Special
Decorated and etched patterns in fine clear glass. Value $2.50. 6 for ..... **95¢**

—Lower Main Floor

Snow White Honeycomb Bedspreads Specially Priced

Attractive Snow White Honeycomb Bedspreads, made from doubled cotton yarns ensuring excellent wear.
Size 75 by 96. Price, **$3.50**
Size 75 by 96. Price, **$4.50**
Size 78 by 100. Price, **$5.50**

—Main Floor

Year-End Sale of Women's Winter Apparel

Fur-Trimmed Coats, $15.95

Tailored in the newest Winter models; in good quality velour and blanket cloth in wrap-around style with collars and cuffs of beaverette, trimmed with cable stitching. Shown in navy, black, brown and fawn; sizes to 40. Values to $25.00. Year-End Sale **$15.95**



Fur-Trimmed Coats, $33.95
All the newest models in straight and wrap-around styles, with large sleeves, new collars and deep cuffs of beaverine. Made from all-wool fabrics such as velour, bolivia and marvella cloth, in styles and sizes suitable for women and misses. Shown in the season's newest shades. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to $49.50. Year-End Sale **$33.95**

Fur-Trimmed Coats, $24.95
A wonderful assortment of smart up to date models in brown, navy, new blue, reindeer and brown, in all-wool materials, with crushable collars of beaverine, trimmed with embroidery and new stitching. Sizes to 40. Values to $39.50. Year-End Sale **$24.95**

—2nd Floor

Plain Tailored Sports Coats

Mannish Tailored Sports Coats
Of polo and homespun cloth in green, blue, fawn and grey mixtures. Full length models, with plain and trench backs, all-round belt, raglan sleeves and patch pockets; half lined. Sizes to 38. Year-End Sale **$14.95**

High Grade Sports Coats Greatly Reduced
Made from good quality homespun and polo cloth in large novelty checks, inverted pleat at back, all-round belt and two-way collar. Shown in the season's newest colors. Sizes to 42. Year-End Sale **$24.95**

Another Special Bargain in Raglan Coats
Smartly tailored in raglan style, in large checked effects in heather mixtures; belted styles with tailored collars. In sand, green and blue; shoulder lined. Sizes to 40. Year-End Sale **$19.95**

Women's Piccadilly Trench Coats to Clear
Made from good quality khaki gabardine, in fawn shade only. Loose back style with all-round belt, two-way collar, set-in sleeves, double breasted, trimmed with leather buttons. Full lined. Sizes to 46. Value $15.00 Year-End Sale **$9.98**

—2nd Floor

Two Special Values in Women's and Misses' Skirts

Pleated Serge Skirts
Made from fine quality serge in black and navy only; Pleated styles, finished at waist with narrow belt. Waist sizes 25 to 30. Lengths 31 to 36. Year-End Sale **$2.95**

Smart Sports Skirts
Sports Skirts in wool crepe, gabardine, homespun and prunella cloth in smart combination colors. Tailored and pleated styles, in all the newest shades. Suitable for street, golf and skating wear. Waist sizes 26 to 32. Values to $9.75. Year-End Sale **$5.95**

—2nd Floor

Fashionable Afternoon Frocks

Reduced to Almost Half Price

A number of smart models in long straight lines, with straight and irregular skirt hems, pleated panels, novelty girdles, new necks and sleeves, in materials of flat and Canton crepe and taffeta. Shown in black, navy, brown and cocoa; sizes 16, 18 and 20. Values to $35.00. Year-End Sale **$18.95**

—2nd Floor

Year-End Millinery Sale

Ready-to-Wear Hats
Values to $5.00. Year-End Sale **$1.50**

Semi-Trimmed Hats
Values to $8.50. Year-End Sale **$2.50**
Values to $10.00. Year-End Sale **$3.50**

Trimmed Hats
Values to $12.50. Year-End Sale **$5.00**
Values to $15.00. Year-End Sale **$7.50**
Values to $25.00. Year-End Sale **$10.00**

—2nd Floor



Girls' Smart Winter Coats Reduced to $12.98

Coats in good hard wearing tweeds, tailored style with raglan sleeves, inverted pleat in back. Also smart dressy styles in durable blanket cloth and velour, fur collar and cuffs, back trimmed with silk cable stitching. Come in blue, tan, reindeer and brown; sizes 6 to 14 years. Values to $18.95. Year-End Sale **$12.98**

—2nd Floor

Children's Serge Reefers

Made from serviceable quality navy blue serge, double-breasted, trimmed with brass buttons and emblem on sleeve; sizes 4 to 14 years. Values to $8.95. Year-End Sale **$4.98**

—2nd Floor

All Leather Club Bags at $10.00 and $13.95

Have you overlooked a gift for somebody? If so what is more appropriate than a nice club bag.
All-leather bags, leather lined and sewn frame; in two sizes.
18-Inch size. Price **$10.00**
20-Inch size. Price **$13.95**

—Lower Main Floor

Special Sale of Baskets

20% Off Regular Prices

Included in this collection are: Fancy Work Baskets, Waste Paper Baskets, Baby Baskets, Flower Baskets, Shopping Baskets, Baby Bassinets on stands, etc. A large assortment to choose from. Prices, **60¢** to **$4.95**

—Lower Main Floor

1,000 Tungsten Lamps to Clear

All sizes, 25, 40, 50 and 60 Watt. While they last. 4 for **$1.00**

—Lower Main Floor

Low Prices on Pure Wool Scotch Blankets

Woven from thick soft lofty yarns and finished with blue borders.
Weight 6 lbs., size 64 x 80, per pair **$9.50**
Weight 7 lbs., size 68 by 86, per pair **$10.50**
Weight 8 lbs., size 72 by 90, per pair **$11.50**

—Main Floor

New Year Gifts in the Whitewear and Sweater Sections



Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises
A dainty garment at this low price, trimmed with hand embroidery in pastel shades; others with neat lace trimming and insertion, two tone ribbon and French flowers. In orchid, peach and flesh. Price **$4.95**

Crepe de Chine Nightgowns
Made with fine quality crepe de Chine, with built up shoulders; others with broad straps, trimmed with dainty lace medallions, lace insertion, two tone ribbon and French rosebuds. In orchid, flesh and peach. Price **$8.50**

English Wool and Silk Jumpers
Very smart garments in novelty design, round neck, short sleeves and skirt trimmed with silk braid; smart silk cord girdle. Come in sand, grey, brown, saxe and jade, with stripes in contrasting colors. Price **$5.95**

Shetland Wool Cardigans
In fine plain knit, V-neck, long sleeves with ribbed cuffs. In navy, white, saxe, camel and grey. Price **$1.95**

—2nd Floor

Notice to Credit Customers

All purchases made today and Monday will be charged on January's account.

Today's Drug Specials

Watkins' Mulsified Cocoanut Oil, value 50c for ..... **38¢**
Sloan's Liniment, value 35c for ..... **28¢**
Evans' Pastilles, value 25c for ..... **18¢**
Tooth Paste, value 25c for **18¢**
Tooth Brushes, value 50c, **38¢**
Ebony Hair Brushes, value $5.00 for **$3.50**
Ebony Hair Brushes, value $2.50 for **$1.75**
Penetrating Hair Brushes, value $1.50 for **$1.18**
Whalebone Hair Brushes, value $2.75 for **$1.98**

—Main Floor

Women's Gift Hosiery

For New Year Gifts

Pure Thread Silk Hose
With pyramid heels and wide hem tops. In black, white, suede, silver, beige and brown. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$2.00**

Glove Silk Hose
With wide hem tops and feet well reinforced. A full fashioned hose, in shades of grey, navy, beige, brown; also white. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$2.95**

Pure Thread Silk Hose
With openwork clocks, wide hem tops; well reinforced feet. A full fashioned hose, in black only. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$4.50**

Fibre Silk Hose
In ribbed effect, with wool heel and toe and wide hem tops. In black, white, silver, taupe and brown. Sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair **$1.75**

—Main Floor

Excellent Values in Women's Capeskin Gloves

Novelty Cape Skin Gauntlets
With strap wrist and pearl buckle, heavy embroidered points and pique sewn seams and contrasting gusset. In mode, grey and brown. Sizes 6 to 7. Per pair **$1.95**

Cape Skin Pull-On Gauntlets
With fancy cuff, pique sewn seams and black points. Come in colors of brown, mode and grey. Sizes 6 to 6¾. Per pair **$3.95**

Novelty Cape Skin Gloves
In pull-on style, with pique sewn seams and fancy cut work on gauntlet. In brown and mode. Sizes 6 to 7. Per pair **$4.50**

English Made Cape Skin Gloves
With one dome fastener, self points and pique sewn seams. In colors of tan and grey. Sizes 6 to 7¼. Per pair **$2.75**

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Women's Dress Oxfords and Strap Pumps, $5.98
A wide range of dress and walking styles, including Black Kid, Brown Calfskin, Black Satin and Patent Leather Oxfords and Strap Pumps, with welted and turn soles, Cuban, Spanish and French heels; sizes 3 to 8. Year-End Sale, per pair **$5.98**

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Smart two and three-button models in the best of imported tweeds, also a few worsteds. All carefully tailored and lined with the best of materials. All sizes here. Values to $35.00. Year-End Sale **$24.95**

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Heather Worsted Socks in soft, close knit wool, in smart assorted heather shades; all sizes. Today, per pair **59c**

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Boys' All-Wool Jerseys

All Wool Ribbed Jerseys, with polo collar or button shoulder, in navy, brown, saxe and bottle green. A very comfortable and long-wearing garment in sizes to fit boys from 3 to 14 years. Values to $2.25. Year-End Sale **$1.59**

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Social & Personal

Hostess at Domino Dance

Miss Jean Dunbar, daughter of Brigadier-General and Mrs. J. S. Dunbar, was a charming hostess at a domino dance last evening at her home on Monterey Avenue. The rooms were effectively decorated with Christmas decorations and pine branches, and the guests were received by Mrs. Dunbar, assisted by Mrs. Dick. The guests included Commander and Mrs. Beard, Colonel and Mrs. Codville, Colonel and Mrs. F. B. Eaton, Major and Mrs. Lawrence, Major and Mrs. Wright, Major and Mrs. Goodeve, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Miss Constance Hope, of Montreal; the Misses Nellie and Jennie Turner, Miss Dindy Cox, Miss Ines Carey, Miss Leslie Warnock, Miss Beryl McCulloch, Miss J. MacLaren, Miss Kathleen Carlysle, Miss Isabel Cockburn, Miss Peggy Scott, Miss Maisie Evans, Miss Peggy Hodgins, Miss Kathleen Fraser, Miss Alice Nash, Miss B. M. Pemberton, Miss Margaret Sayward, Miss "Tinker" Jones, Miss Mary Rattenbury, the Misses Norma and Helen Macdonald, Miss Helen Forman, Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Vivian Matson, Miss Gladys Irving; Messrs. Jack Lewis, Kenneth Raymur, Charles Cox, Russell and Dawson Turner, W. Haldane, Jack Devereaux, Jack Hutchinson, Lieut. Barnes, Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Donald, Lieut. Pressy, Messrs. Harry Alex. and Bert McPhillips, Gordon Crane, Alfred Crump, McMullen, Campbell, Gordon Burdick, Eric Burton, W. Merston, Percy Balson, Robert Harvey, H. and E. Elderton, Arthur Little, Jack Clay, Toby Hodgins, Roy Hadley, Mike Bell-Irving, Carew Martin, Herbert Beaven, John Proctor, Richard Edgehill, Hugh Peters, Francis Pemberton, Eric Beaston, F. Rattenbury, Ronny Buchanan.

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Today's Musical Tea

This afternoon's Ladies' Musical Club tea-musicale, which is to be at "Schuhum," Rockland Avenue, through the kindness of Miss Agnew, offers a very attractive programme, among those taking part being Mrs. Horsefield, a young British pianiste, who has not hitherto been heard here, having just recently joined the club. Mrs. Edward Senkler, a pupil of Mr. J. D. A. Tripp, of Vancouver, will also give some piano numbers. Others taking part will be Mr. Balagno, 'cellist at the Royal Victoria Theatre; Mrs. W. H. Wilson, vocalist; Miss Ina Tait, a pupil of Mrs. Walsh Nasmith; Miss Ethel Bale, elocutionist, pupil of Mr. Bullock-Webster; and Mr. and Mrs. Georgy Phillips, who will give a humorous turn with voice and piano. The accompanists will be Mrs. Walsh Nasmith and Miss Laddie Watkis.

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Honors Daughter's Birthday

On Wednesday, Mrs. A. Stevens, of 3344 Oak Street, entertained at a delightful birthday party in honor of her daughter Gwan's sixteenth birthday. A pleasant evening was spent playing games and music. Those present included Mrs. Moore, Misses M. Corbett, B. Parker, L. Moore, E. Keith, F. Parker, E. Middleton, N. Larkcom, M. Middleton, Messrs. E. Moore, D. Pearmain, A. Ward, N. Coles, A. Pearmain, F. Larkcom, H. Maker, M. Woolcocks, J. Stevens and D. Stevens.

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Spent Christmas Here

Mr. Arthur Leon Koyl arrived in Victoria on Monday and spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. R. B. Koyl. As Mr. H. H. Smith's guest he enjoyed a game of golf at the Oak Bay Golf Links on Wednesday, and returned to the Mainland yesterday. His wife and three boys are spending the Winter in Washington, D.C.

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Vancouver Visitor

Miss L. Derry, of Vancouver, spent the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George the Christmas holidays in this city, Earl, of Prior Street. During her visit here Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Simcoe Street, entertained in her honor at a radio concert.

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Resigns From Staff

Miss Kate E. Smith, R.N., acting director of nurses during Miss Mackenzie's absence, has resigned her position on the staff of the Jubilee Hospital after five years' faithful service. This she has done owing to ill-health.

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Returning to Duty

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, director of nurses, Jubilee Hospital, is returning to duty after a lengthy trip to California.

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Has Pneumonia

Mr. Harold Fleming, who has been confined to his home suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is progressing favorably.

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Christmas Guests

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. McGeer, of Vancouver, have been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. David Spencer, Sr.

SAANICH

Keating Girl Married

The marriage of Miss Ivy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherring, of Keating, and Mr. Douglas Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, of Prospect Lake, was solemnized at Port Angeles on December 26. After a short honeymoon spent in Vancouver the young couple arrived at Keating on Monday, and in the evening the bride's parents gave a reception in their honor. About fifty guests, old-time friends of the bride and groom, were present to offer congratulations and good wishes. A merry time was spent with music, games and dancing, after which the visitors enjoyed a dainty repast served by the hostess and her daughters, the Misses Blanche and Jean Sherring, assisted by girl friends of the bride.

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Visit to Brentwood

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter, of Prince Albert, Sask., who are spending a holiday in Victoria, were the guests of the Misses McDonald, of Brentwood, on Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Porter intend leaving for Los Angeles early in the New Year.

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From Cumberland

Mr. Alex. McKenzie arrived from Cumberland on Thursday afternoon to spend the holidays with his family at Saanichton. He was accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie, of Duncan, and her family.

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From Portland

Mr. Walter Anderson, of Portland, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, of Keating. His brother, Ralph, accompanied him on his return to Portland on Wednesday.

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From Manitoba

Mr. Gordon Limpricht, of Brandon, Man., is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Limpricht, of Verdier Avenue, and his sister, Mrs. Radcliffe, of the West Road.

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Coming From Tacoma

Mrs. J. B. Baker and little daughter, of Tacoma, will arrive at Saanichton today to spend New Year's Day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker.

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Week-End Guests

Miss I. Kirkham, Mr. C. Kirkham, Mr. Clyde Nichol and Master Fred Patton, of Victoria, are week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Woodward.

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Arrive Home Again

Mr. and Mrs. L. Thomson and family arrived home on Thursday after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Harcus and family, of Vancouver.

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Holiday in City

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grant, of Brentwood, are spending their holidays with friends in the city, and intend visiting at Salt Spring Island prior to their return home.

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Visiting Parents

Mrs. Highstead, of Somenos, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhode, of Keating.

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Leaves for Duncan

Miss Beatrice Butler, of Keating, left for Duncan on Thursday afternoon on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. Rea and other relatives in that city.

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Bamberton Visitors

Mr. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sidwell, D. Morry and T. N. Parsell were among the Bamberton visitors to Vancouver during the present week.

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Trip to Saanich

Mrs. K. Murray and daughter, Grace, of Victoria, spent Thursday at the home of Captain and Mrs. Bissett, of Saanichton.

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From Port Angeles

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cameron, of Port Angeles, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Prospect Lake.

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A Week's Holiday

Mr. Charles Hammond, of Portland, is spending a week's holiday with friends in Victoria and Saanich.

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Visits Parents

Mr. F. Snider visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Snider, on Thursday afternoon.

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Go to Vancouver

The Misses Deering, of Keating, are spending the holidays in Vancouver as the guest of their mother.

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From Bamberton

Mr. John Davidson, of Bamberton, spent Christmas at Vancouver with his parents.

CHEMAINUS

Navy Men Visit

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Donald entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Auketell-Jones; Lieut. Colin Donald, R.C.N.; Lieut. Watson, R.C.N., and Master Michael Auketell-Jones during the holidays.

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Christmas Guests

Mrs. B. Hill and Miss Kathryn Hill, of Ladysmith, were guests at Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Halked.

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Guests at Duncan

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Jarrett were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Powel, of Duncan.

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Oak Bay Visitor

Master Dick Nixon, of Oak Bay, is the guest of his uncle, Mr. Percy Roberts, Kuper Island.

SAANICH

Spend Christmas Here

Mr. Dan Moses, who has been teaching at Port Hardy, and Miss Irene Moses, of Lac la Hache School, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Moses, of Deep Cove.

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Nurse Pays Visit

Miss Ethel Thornton, who is training as a nurse at the Vancouver General Hospital, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thornton, of Deep Cove.

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Visiting in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson, of Roberts Bay, are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. J. Abbott, of Vancouver.

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Comes From Quick

Miss Jean McNaught, who had been teaching school at Quick, B.C., returned home to spend Christmas with her mother.

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Revisiting Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tighe, of Port Angeles, are spending the week at their old home in Deep Cove.

WEDDINGS

Gagnon-Miller

Last evening at "Breadalbane," 1185 Fort Street, a quiet wedding took place when Major Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated at a ceremony which made Mrs. Janet Miller the bride of Mr. Amedee Gagnon, both of Victoria. The bride, who was very handsome in a beautiful dark gown of Canton crepe with picture hat, was attended by her sister, Mrs. Christina Robertson. The groomsman was Mr. John Cessford. On return from their honeymoon on the Mainland, Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon will make their home in this city. He is a native of Quebec and she is a native of "Bonnie" Scotland.

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At the Playhouses

CAPITOL THEATRE Allan Dwan began his Paramount production of Rex Beach's story, "Big Brother," by filming one of the biggest scenes in the picture, using 750 extra people in addition to the principals. By beginning his picture with a big scene Dwan reversed the usual order of things in picture-making, which generally calls for the shooting of minor scenes on the opening camera day. Tom Moore, as Jimmy Donovan heads the cast for this new Paramount picture, which is showing at the Capitol Theatre for the last time today; Joe King is "Big Ben" Murray; Raymond Hatton has the role of "Cokey" Miller, and little Mickey Bennett plays Midge Murray.

DOMINION THEATRE Come seven! Come eleven! It's a new game played with four-leaf clovers. Such is the explanation offered by players in the Paramount picture, "The Call of the Canyon," showing at the Dominion Theatre for the last time today, when they are detected shooting the royal and ancient game of craps. Aunt Mary wonders what her dear youngsters are up to, kneeling there in a group on the lawn. As she enters upon the scene, one of the lads, with rare presence of mind, claps his hands over the cubs and begins searching about in the grass. The others take the cue



LIEUT.-COMMANDER JOHN P. SOUSA
Who is appearing with his famous band at the Royal Victoria Theatre this afternoon and evening.

immediately and begin industriously scanning the lawn. Satisfied that the little dears are up to no mischief, Aunt Mary departs—the deception is complete.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE Scotland is well represented among persons who play extra roles in "The Little Minister," Betty Compson's new Paramount picture. This Stanlaws production of Barrie's play is showing at the Playhouse Theatre for the last time today. The "bur-r-r" of the Highland dialect was plentifully heard around the Paramount Studio when the picture was being filmed.

COLUMBIA THEATRE Tonight will be the last opportunity to follow Tom Mix through some thrilling scenes in "Stepping Fast," his latest William Fox picture which is at the Columbia Theatre. In this film Tom plays the role of a young cowboy, who inherits one-half of a gold mine hidden away in the ruins of the cliff-dwellers in the Arizona desert. The other half interest is held by the daughter of the cowboy's benefactor, who is in China. He travels to Hong Kong to prevent a band of international crooks from getting the secret of the mine, and there engages in a tremendous fight to save the girl.

MARCH KING TELLS GOOD STORY ON U.S. NAVY EX-SECRETARY

Lieut.-Com. John Philip Sousa, the famous bandmaster, who is now on his thirty-first annual tour with his band, tells a good story on Benjamin F. Tracy, who was Secretary of the Navy under President Benjamin Harrison. Sousa was then director of the United States Marine Band, and for several months had been trying to secure more money for his musicians, whom he felt to be underpaid. One day he called upon Tracy, and the talk turned to a young cornetist whom Tracy had noticed. Hoping to help his cause, Sousa encouraged the conversation, and after Tracy had sufficiently praised the young musician, Sousa said:

"Mr. Secretary, that young man's pay, with all allowances, is not more than $65 a month. He is a model young man. He does not drink and he does not smoke. He does not have a single bad habit, and I think he should have more money."

"Well," the Secretary remarked, dryly, "if he has no bad habits, I do not see what he needs with more money."

Sousa's famous band will appear at the Royal, matinee and evening, today.

ED. WYNN, STAR OF "THE PERFECT FOOL" HAS VARIED CAREER

Ed. Wynn, "The Perfect Fool," who will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria Theatre for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10, in his new musical show, is so much of a fixture nowadays that the fact that he had to go through the usual paces before arriving at the top of the ladder in the musical comedy world has generally been lost sight of.

Wynn is a Philadelphian and first went behind the footlights as a member of the chorus of the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in 1901 and, through a chance meeting with Corse Payton a year later, he got his first professional experience in the Thurber and Nasher Repertoire Company.

After this experience he left the stage for six months and joined his father in the millinery business in Philadelphia, but he found the call of the stage deeply inculcated in his mind, and shortly he entered vaudeville. Basing his vaudeville acts on his college experiences, bit by bit he began to acquire a reputation in this field of entertainment. For years he was "the college boy" in the two-a day. In the course of his vaudeville experience, which extended over eleven years, he made nine complete continental tours.

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Playhouse—Betty Compson in "The Little Minister."

The Stage

Royal—Sousa's Band, matinee and evening.

LONG LIVE THE KING IS JACKIE COOGAN'S LATEST PICTURE

"Long Live the King," which is coming to the Dominion Theatre on Monday next for a week's run, is most aptly the name of Jackie Coogan's first Metro production, for in the aristocracy of achievement this youngster has surely attained regal rank.

When Jackie is home in Los Angeles, or at the studio in Hollywood, not a day goes by without his receiving visitors from all over the world. Sometimes it is a notable individual like Admiral Eberle, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, or Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.; or again, it is some other famous child like Heywood Broun III; and at still other times it is a group like the crew of H.M.S. Curlew, on their world tour. Everyone who comes to Los Angeles tries to see Jackie, just as every visitor to Rome tries to see the Pope, and every visitor to London hopes to be presented at court. Beyond any doubt, he is the Prince of Filmdom.

The picture "Long Live the King," in which Jackie Coogan plays the title role, was adapted from Mary Roberts Rinehart's novel by G. Gardner Sullivan, directed by Victor Schertzinger, and produced under the supervision of Jack Coogan, Sr.

MADAME BUTTERFLY WILL BE GIVEN HERE BY SAN CARLO CO.

"Madame Butterfly," Puccini's exquisite lyric drama, to be presented in Victoria this season by Fortune Gallo's San Carlo Grand Opera Company on January 2 and 3, at the Royal Victoria Theatre, was founded on the book of John Luther Long and the subsequent drama of David Belasco. The story describes in unusually realistic fashion the love of the little Japanese cherry blossom maiden, Cho Cho San, for the handsome United States naval lieutenant, Benjamin Franklin Pinkerton, whose ship has carried him to the port of Nagasaki, upon an adjacent hill of which the little Nipponese maiden resides. Her passion is genuine, but it must be confessed that Pinkerton's interest is more one of casual curiosity instead of real love. The curious Shinto wedding ceremony in the first act and the sudden and ill-omened entrance of the Bonze, Butterfly's uncle, soon thereafter, are incidents possessing profound significance for the earnest-minded little bride, as the first is to change the course of her entire life, while the second separates her irrevocably from her past. What happens in the second and third act is closely connected with these incidents, and forms the remarkable dramatic framework into which Puccini has woven his exquisitely beautiful symphonic score.

FAMOUS LEO, JAN AND MISCHEL WILL BE HERE ONE NIGHT

Leo, Jan and Mischa Cherniavsky, the celebrated trio, will be heard at the Capitol one night only, Friday, January 4. As this will probably be the only appearance during the current season of these gifted artists in Victoria, music lovers are advised to book their seats at an early date and not miss these artists, as they are immediately leaving Canada on an extended tour through America, being booked solid from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These clever exponents of the violin, piano and 'cello are presenting a delightful and varied programme of solos and trios which will constitute one of the greatest musical hits of the season. Their former appearances in Victoria have always been in the nature of a musical triumph, and their audience on this occasion can confidently expect their past triumphs to be again eclipsed. Tickets are now on sale at the Capitol box office.

Famous Players-Lasky Studio to Reopen

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28. — The Famous Players-Lasky studio in Hollywood, recently closed down because of what company officials termed the exorbitant cost of motion picture production, today faced a year of activity augmented by its temporary suspension of film play making, according to an announcement made here last night by Jesse L. Lasky, first vice-president of the company. Declaring that the shutdown had accomplished its purpose—the creation of a "sane business attitude" among producers and directors after a period of reckless competition—Mr. Lasky said that work would be resumed at the company's Hollywood studio January 7, with three producing companies using the sets, and with the number of busy units increasing week by week until twelve companies have thrown their batteries of cameras into action.

ORATORIO PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

The oratorio "Messiah" was rendered last evening at Centennial Methodist Church before a large congregation. The music was broadcast by radio and local radio fans reported that they were delighted by the results.

There were one hundred voices in the oratorio, directed by Mr. Jackson Hanby. The organist was Mr. Alfred Gurney; the pianist was Mrs. F. Grace Deaville, and the soloists: Soprano, Mrs. Emma Parsons; contralto, Mrs. Jesse A. Longfield; bass, Mr. F. Handley Wells; tenor, Mr. W. Draper.

The audience was appreciative and gave each number a fine reception.

LIKELY TO PREJUDICE POSSIBLE AGREEMENT

Sentence of Former German Governor by French May Prejudice Good Understanding

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The conviction at Dusseldorf of Dr Greutzner, former German governor of Rhenish Prussia, and several German officers for complicity in the separatist rioting of September 30, is "only too likely to reduce the possibility of an understanding" between France and Germany, says a semi-official statement issued last night.

The statement asserts that in view of proofs given at the trial of the Separatists' intention by means of treasonable demonstrations to affect the separation of the Rhineland, it was naturally the duty of the German authorities to prevent such a crime. Any charges arising from consequent collisions should have been brought against the Separatists responsible for the outrages, the statement continues.

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NANAIMO

Mrs. Planta Entertains

Mrs. A. E. Planta entertained a large number of friends on Thursday afternoon at her home on Newcastle Townsite. She was assisted by Mrs. Ryall, Mrs. Fewers and Mrs. G. A. Hall in the reception, whilst Mrs. Shaw presided at the tea table, assisted by Miss Mae Woodman, Mrs. Kermode, Mrs. G. Brown, Miss Millar, Mrs. F. King and Mrs. Murray Planta. Mrs. Martindale assisted the hostess in the entertainment of her guests, and acted as joint hostess. The rooms were prettily decorated, complying with the Christmas spirit. During the afternoon the guests were treated to vocal selections by Mrs. Brankston.

Surprise Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sharp, Nicol Street, were pleasantly surprised on Thursday evening by about thirty friends, who gathered at their home to wish them much happiness on the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Wm. Younghusband, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. and Mrs. Sharp with a beautiful china tea service. A pleasant social evening followed.

Friends Visit Nurses

The nursing staff at the Nanaimo Hospital were at home on Thursday evening to a number of their friends, when a dance was held, and a most happy time spent. The rooms were decorated with evergreens and fern and Christmas colors.

Mr. Neill Returns

Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P. for Comox-Alberni, has returned to the Island from Vancouver, where he interviewed Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works for the Dominion, who has now returned to the East via Cranbrook.

Miss Man Arrives

Mr. Wm. Bell Hetherington, mine manager for Luscar Collieries, Ltd., at Luscar, Alta., wife and two boys, have arrived on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Herne, Albert Street.

Visiting Mother

Miss Esme A. Horne, R.N., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. H. Horne, Albert Street, for a few days.

Has Returned

Mrs. William Sloan, Newcastle Townsite, has returned after spending Christmas with relatives in Vancouver.

JAMES ISLAND

Carol Service

A very enjoyable carol service was held here last Sunday afternoon instead of the regular Sunday school, there being quite a large congregation present. Mrs. J. Bowker and the Misses E. Rowbottom, E. Lake and M. Spencer were the principal soloists.

School Holidays

Miss R. Richards and J. Lyons, who are attending school in Victoria, are spending the holidays at their respective homes.

With Friends at Brechin

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lake and Master Wallace spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Cowden, of Brechin.

Visit Capital

Mr. and Mrs. N. Moore and daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Avalon Road, Victoria, during the Christmas season.

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Guest at Wedding

Mr. V. Sandvig, of Vancouver, came over to attend the Bradley-Rivers wedding, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rivers.

Goes to Nanaimo

Miss H. Richards has gone to Nanaimo to visit with relatives.

Holidays With Friends

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howa and son, Arnold, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Cobble Hill.

Holiday Visit

Mr. L. Lake has been spending a holiday with his daughter in Nanaimo.

Spends Vacation

Mrs. K. B. Schilling, principal of the village school, is spending her vacation with friends in Alberni.

Christmas Guests

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dakin entertained a few friends to dinner on Christmas Day.

Victoria Visitor

Master Charlie Martin, of Victoria, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson.

Visits Parents

Mr. R. Todd, who has been residing at Sardis, spent the holidays here with his parents.

LADYSMITH

Pastor Is Ill

As Rev. F. L. Stephenson has been ill with a very severe cold, the Rev. Christmas, from Duncan, conducted both morning and evening services at St. John's Church on Sunday.

Home for Christmas

Miss Bella Gourley, who is a nurse in the Vancouver General Hospital, and her brother, Bob, were both over to spend Christmas with their parents.

Normal Students

Miss Sarah McNeil and Miss Thelma Gregson have returned home for the Christmas holidays. They both attend the Normal School in Victoria.

From Duncan

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Stephenson and little daughter arrived from Duncan to spend Christmas with Mr. Stephenson's parents.

Boy Wins Doll

Master Willie Attwood was the lucky winner of the beautiful doll raffled by Messrs. Westwell and Fisher.

Mr. Heyland Visits

Mr. Thomas Heyland, of Cumberland, spent Christmas with friends here.

Leaves for Toronto

Mrs. F. M. Montgomery left for Toronto last Saturday, where she will make her home with her son.

Student Is Home

Miss Margaret Forward, a student in the British Columbia University, is home for her Christmas holidays.

From Portland

Mr. Turner Verchere and Mr. George Bryant are both home from Portland for Christmas week.

Few Days' Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gear and Miss Amy Gear are spending a few days with Mrs. Gear.

Teacher Visiting

Miss Lewis Hudson, who is teaching at Yellow Point, is spending Christmas with her parents here.

Visited Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. B. Forrester paid a visit to Victoria last week.

Town Visitor

Mr. L. D. Chetman was a visitor in town last week.

Home for Christmas

Mr. D. Verchere was home for Christmas.

Visited Friends

Mr. J. Herner was visiting friends here for Christmas.

For 600 years, according to the historian Pliny, Rome used no medicine but her baths.

The Million Dollar Doll

By C. N. and A. M. WILLIAMSON (Authors of "The Lightning Conductor")

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY

Terence Desmond ("Terry"), exquisite and convent-reared, unbelievably innocent, is forced to work as a cashier in her father's road-house, while

Juliet Divine, the stage name of her beautiful half-sister, whom Terry has not seen for years, lives like a princess and talks vaguely of a millionaire.

Terence Desmond, their father, moody and selfish, formerly caretaker of an estate, is now the proprietor of the Blue Moon, a road-house. He is anxious to get Terry married and off his hands.

Mrs. Parmlee owns Silverwood, the estate of which Desmond was caretaker.

Betty Sheridan, her granddaughter, whose rudeness to Terry (as letter will never forget), is the wife of

Miles Sheridan, handsome and likable, who, when Terry was a child, furnished the money to send her to the convent, partly to atone for his wife's rudeness. To Terry he is always "The Prince."

Rustave Nadin, a wealthy Greek, unscrupulous with women, is impressed by Terry's beauty and her resemblance to Juliet Divine, the famous stage beauty. He invites her to go for an auto ride, and on the way to New York he kisses her.

INSTALMENT XVII

Country Mouse and City Mouse

"Sheridan has never seen you. If he had, he could hardly have been so cold-blooded." Phillips tone changed. "We were discussing his troubles, he and I, talking over pros and cons, ways and means—that sort of thing. And it was I who thought of you. I proposed the plan—"

"I'd like to have heard you doing it," sneered Julie, strong in the position of which she alone knew, and independent of any man's favor.

"I don't mind telling you how I did it," said Phillips. "I told Sheridan you were the prettiest and the best-known person in—er—in your own set. I said that you'd been on the stage as a show girl, and that even now you acted once in a while, if you felt like accepting some offer.

"I mentioned your—er—pet name, which seemed to tickle his fancy rather: the 'Million Dollar Doll,' and explained to him that was—expressive. I said what I've said to you, too—that you're a 'good sport.'

"And I told him he couldn't do better than invite you on board the 'Silverwood' if he wants to be thoroughly compromised, so his wife can divorce him without any bother. Of course, if you don't want him to keep away from you on board—"

"Oh, I'd want him to, all right, if I were going. But I'm not," Julia said.

"Won't you think it over?" Phillips urged.

It was on Julia's tongue to say: "No, I won't. You must get someone else." But a door shut with a sharp slam somewhere in the house.

She remembered the little sister, waiting anxiously in another room. What if—well, it wasn't likely. But twenty thousand dollars was worth having—if it could be had.

"Well—perhaps—yes, I'll think it over," she agreed. "Though it's not much use. I don't feel one bit inclined to accept. Still—you're absolutely sure Miles Sheridan would let me keep to myself?—that he wouldn't change his mind or—be troublesome?

"I must be certain what's regularly in the bargain before I even think. Because—I tell you this in the same confidence that you've been talking to me. I'm going to give up New York and the white lights. I met a man when I was travelling in South America—a peach of a man; a big millionaire. Handsome, too. He knew my—friend I travelled with, and made me promise to throw him over.

"We're engaged to be married now, it's me for the quiet domestic life, with plenty of diamonds and pearls, a grand house in Buenos Aires, and good society—real society, see?—thrown in! But we shan't have the wedding right off. He's in New York now, but he's got to run over to Spain before he goes back home, and I'm dead sick of Europe. I was in Paris and London and Madrid last year.

"So I'll have a little rest cure after he sails. He's starting in about two weeks. He may be away as long as three months. And it's just on the cards that I—but I don't think—"

"Do think!" Phillips cut in.

"Would you care to run up again tomorrow morning, after breakfast—say about eleven? I'm generally more or less visible then," suggested Julia. "By that time I might give you a definite decision."

"I'll come!" exclaimed Phillips, getting to his feet instantly, so that the girl might not have time to change her mind.

She touched an electric bell beside the divan, and the mulatto woman, who looked like an Indian, came with surprising promptitude.

"Till eleven tomorrow!" Phillips said.

Julia echoed his words.

No sooner was the visitor gone than Julia floated into the hall.

"Who slammed a door—two or three minutes ago?" she demanded.

"'Twas the wind came up and blew it out of my hand," whispered the maid. "Your sister peeked out of the dining-room and I—jes' happened to be in the hall.

"She was beginnin' to be worried, madam; wanted to make sure I'd told you she was here. But I got her back into the room all right."

"I'm going to her now," Julia said.

It was a vision that turned dusk to dawn for Terry, with the flinging open of the door. At the sound, she stepped out of the bow-window where she had paused to stare down at the river; and the doorway framed a radiant figure draped in what seemed a ball gown. It was pale blue, and sparkled all over with silver, like the sea in moonlight.

"Oh, Julie—darling!" the girl cried in joy and thankfulness. "I'm so glad to see you again. It's wonderful—like a dream. But you're dressed for a party. You won't go and leave me yet for a little while, will you, after all this time?"

She had made a motion to fling her arms around Julia, but feared to crush the shimmering gauze. Instead, she caught both her sister's hands, and pressed them to her breast. It felt so young and almost childlike to the touch, under a thin blouse, that a wave of tenderness as of old times swept over Julia.

She released her hands and heartily hugged the little sister, regardless of ninon and silver embroideries. It was years since the two had seen each other.

"I'm not going out at all," Julia promised, when she had kissed Terry on both cheeks. "This isn't a ball dress, Miss Country Mouse; it's what they call a 'rest gown' or something. By-and-bye a very nice gentleman is calling to see me, but not for nearly an hour, and we'll have lots of time to talk before that.

"Come into my den and Emmeline will take your hat and coat. You look as if you were got up for motoring. You must tell me why on earth you came here, and how, and everything."

She drew the girl into the "den," which was like a room in the harem of a sultan; but as Terry knew nothing about harems or sultans, it looked to her merely bizarre and goregous in a very becoming to Julia.

In tomorrow's installment Terry makes a confession.

Those Who Come and Go

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sibley, of Kelliher, Sask., are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. Frank Villa, of Seattle, is at the Strathcona Hotel.

Captain Hughes, of Cobble Hill, is registered at the Strathcona.

The Misses Laura, Ada May, and Alice Gartrell, of Tacoma, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. A. W. Willard, of Vancouver, and Mr. G. B. Whitehead, of Kamloops, are at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McLeod, of Cobble Hill, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. John E. Ryan, of Seattle, is at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. W. J. Leahy, of Kerrobert, Sask., is at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. John Knight, of Orange, Cal., and Miss Knight, of Vancouver, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Up-Island visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mrs. H. G. Brawn and Miss Harriet Brawn, from Chemainus; Mr. P. T. Skrimshire, and Mr. E. H. Lee, from Duncan; Capt. Hughes, from Cobble Hill; Mrs. Hickes and daughter, from Duncan.

New arrivals from Saskatchewan registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mr. G. Guilliver, from Regina; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tariton, from Swift Current; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sibley, from Kelliher.

Mr. J. M. Rolston, from Vancouver; Mrs. L. F. McConihe and daughter, from Seattle; Mr. J. A. Latimer and Mr. A. S. Rathburn, from Vancouver; Mr. Frank Villa and Mr. E. Weisenflue, from Seattle; Mr. G. W. Abbott, from Newforth, Minn., and Capt. S. Snoddy, from Vancouver, are included among yesterday's arrivals registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. S. Coillard, Mr. R. C. Gordon and Miss M. J. Gordon, of Duncan; H. B. Haddon Smith, of Cowichan Station; A. H. Coulter, of Qualicum Beach; Mr. Copley and daughter, of Shawnigan Lake; S. La Fortune, W. E. Price and A. E. Archer, of Duncan; S. H. Mitchell, of Sidney; W. V. Pender and E. M. Pender, of South Pender Island, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

New arrivals at the Dominion Hotel from the Prairies include G. E. Bareer, of Calgary; W. P. Paul, of Averoid, Sask.; W. L. Young and family, of Compeer, Alta.; William Patterson and family, of Virden, Man.; William Lynn and Mrs. Lynn, of Stettler, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. Noakes, of Speers, Sask.; and R. L. Campbell, of Gleichen, Alta.

Mr. H. J. Newton, of Port Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of Clayburn; Herbert Johnston, of Armstrong; L. Lee, of Keefers; W. E. Delaney, of Northfield, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

H. Tierney and Mrs. Tierney, of Tacoma; R. McLinn, G. W. Young, Virgil Boger and Mrs. E. Graves, of Seattle; A. H. Harsley, of Butte, Mont.; J. W. Nunn and family; F. Brown, W. Bassett, J. E. Carpenter, E. E. Hammond, R. W. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Turner, of Vancouver, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.



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SHERIFF COOK, OF SASKATCHEWAN, ARRIVES NEXT WEEK

Great Authority on "White Plague" Has Been Leader in Fight Against Disease

On July 22, 1921, an order-in-council was approved appointing and constituting a commission to inquire into the question of tuberculosis in the Province of Saskatchewan. Mr. A. B. Cook, of Regina, Sheriff of Saskatchewan and late president of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of Canada, was appointed chairman of the commission. On October 1, 1922, the report of the commission was laid before the Honorable Henry W. Newlands, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan. The report was of a most exhaustive character and covered the whole field of inquiry into this disease. It included an inquiry into the extent of the disease in the Province, the provision of sanatoria, and methods of prevention. The statistics and analysis of cases are of great value and have been compiled with infinite care.

On Thursday, January 3, Mr. A. B. Cook will be in Victoria and will address the Rotary Club at luncheon at 12 o'clock. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, a meeting will be held, it is hoped, in the Chamber of Commerce Hall, under the combined auspices of the Rotary Club and the Tuberculosis Veterans' Association.

Mr. Cook's knowledge and experience of the administrative aspects of this disease is the result of years of study, and he is, without question, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, authority on the administration control of tuberculosis in Canada. It is hoped that everyone who is interested in the "Great White Plague" will make a real effort to be present.

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Information that Sheriff Cook would be in Victoria on Thursday next only reached the city yesterday. Invitations are being issued to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. J. Oliver, Hon. W. J. Bowser, Hon. J. D. MacLean, the Mayor and Council, and as far as possible to all societies and organizations in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Connell, Princess Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Josephine Barnadette, to Harold Arthur, son of the late Mr. Arthur Lineham and Mrs. Lineham, Cook Street and Dallas Road.

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

HAROLD HART'S GOAL GIVES COUGARS GAME

Local Puckchaser Breaks Up Overtime Contest Against Vancouver With Heady Piece of Work—Loughlin Crew Checks Maroons' Winning Streak—Harry Meeking in Great Form—Pace Livens Towards End of Melee

Victorians Now Within Ace of League Leaders

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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Vancouver	14	6	7	1	40	36	13
Victoria	13	6	7	0	41	46	12
Seattle	13	4	9	0	35	44	8

Last Night's Score

Victoria 3; Vancouver 2 (Overtime).

"YOU'VE gotta hand it to Hart," was the expression heard on all sides, following last night's Victoria-Vancouver contest, which was won by Clem Loughlin's Cougars after playing through three twenty-minute frames and an overtime session that lasted exactly three minutes and sixteen seconds. Harold Hart was undoubtedly the hero of the engagement, and the way in which this young puckchaser outwitted the entire Maroons' defence, including the veteran, Hughie Lehman, himself, was the neatest piece of headwork witnessed here for many a day. Hart's performance was wonderful, and as a result of his efforts, the railbirds who glimpsed the melee went home happy.

The Victoria Cougars halted the Terminal City boys' winning streak when they licked them last night by a score of three goals to two. It is true that the home club had to extend itself to win, although the visitors were mighty lucky to have escaped being scored against during the middle stanza. By virtuo of the blue and gold sextette's success, the Cougars are now within an ace of the league leaders, Vancouver possessing thirteen points, while Victoria has twelve to its credit. Seattle is third, being four markers below the Islanders.



HAROLD HART

The youngster that Lester Patrick picked up from the Prairies this season, whose nifty goal gave Victoria the overtime contest at the Willows rink last night. Harold has been looking better every game that he has played in, and his effective work won for him the plaudits of the fans at the Arena last evening. Hart uses his head more than his stick, and the Cougars' victory can be largely attributed to that circumstance. Harold's tally was one of the prettiest seen here this Winter, and was the deciding factor that put the match on ice for the local clan.

Cougars Tally First

The home aggregation notched the initial tally, with the invaders equalizing before the opening period was concluded. The second twenty minutes of play was a scoreless spasm, with the Cougars having by far the superiority. Each team garnered a tally in the third frame, and strove vainly to break the tie. They were unable to do this, and an overtime period was the result. After three minutes of play Harold Hart picked up the puck in centre ice, skated around Mickey Mackay, fooled Art Duncan and Lloyd Cook, and then had only Lehman to hypnotize. Hart was between fifteen and twenty feet out from the Vancouver citadel, and only "Eagle-Eyes" was before him. Harold carried the rubber to within six feet of the net, and then sent the disc into the visitors' cage. The shot was too accurately placed for Lehman to save.

Pandemonium broke loose when the fans beheld Hart bulge the Vancouver basket with his neat shot, and he was unanimously declared the most popular player in the Arena. Had Harold taken a straight shot at Lehman when he first passed the Vancouver defence stars, Duncan and Cook, it is very doubtful whether he would have scored, but he used his head to perfect advantage, and, taking his time, he gave Hughie no chance to wreck his ambitious intentions, which proved so successful.

The first two periods of the game were in a sense listless, with little real action or spirited play in evidence. But in the third canto the rival squads started to play hockey as though they meant it, and the pace was fast and furious from this time on until the end of the struggle. The ending was a spectacular finish, the local players copping a well-earned victory, while the Mainlanders were forced to acknowledge the loss of a match from which they had tried so hard to emerge victorious.

Teams Check Stiffly

Hard checking featured the playing in the opening period, and the puck was occupying a place in the centre section of the pond quite a bit of the time. End-to-end rushes by both teams did not produce any practical results until nine minutes after Mickey Ion had tooted the whistle that set the ice dogs in the spotlight. Jocko Anderson and Frank Fredrickson were responsible for this score, and the goal was secured after a very commendable effort on the part of these two Cougars. Frank brought the puck up the left wing and sent it over to Jocko, who was a few feet in front of the Vancouver net, the latter beating Lehman with a pretty shot. The spectators cheered themselves hoarse and then called for more tallies. Less than three minutes later, Alf Skinner accepted a pass from Art Duncan and, shooting from the right wing, planted the rubber between the local posts.

With the score even, both clubs tried to gain the lead in the second stanza, but they were unable to put their schemes into reality. Vancouver certainly had the horseshoes in this stanza, because the Victoria crew swept their guests off their feet. The Maroons' defence was absolutely demoralized, and had not the breaks been going their way the visitors would likely have had a couple of goals scored against them. Hard luck robbed the Loughlin outfit of certain tallies, while Hughie Lehman protected his cage in creditable fashion. In fact, he was responsible for the local men being blanked during this portion of the competition, stopping many difficult shots when his comrades on the defensive line had fallen down.

Four minutes after play began in the third period, Art Duncan put the Mainlanders in the lead, fooling Fowler with a shot from in front of the Victoria goal. But the visitors did not have long to celebrate this fact, because twenty-eight seconds later, the Cougars' third goal was purloined by Harry Meeking who, throughout the match, played excellent hockey. There was considerable dispute about this tally, the Vancouver knights of the blades protesting that the rubber never entered the cage, Mickey Ion thought differently, however, and the goal was allowed, amid the cheers of the stands.

Battle Into Extra Session

Fans sat up, and took part in the match themselves, giving their favorite squad all the encouragement that they might require from the sideline. Each sextette battled hard to grab the deciding tally in the third period, but the contest was destined to go into an extra session. Play speeded up a great deal in the third and overtime stanzas, which were productive of good, interesting hockey.

Harold Hart and Harry Meeking were the outstanding stars on the home aggregation, with Frank Fredrickson and Jocko Anderson also displaying finished stickhandling and performing in fine style. Heo Fowler, in goal, was given plenty of opportunity to show his wares, and he measured up to his responsibilities in a way that was extremely satisfying. Clem Loughlin and Harold Halderson gave Fowler support, and handed Art Duncan and company a lot more trouble than they were looking for.

Frank Boucher proved as effective as ever, and his fine stickhandling was a treat to witness. Art Duncan was in good shape, and led the visitors' attack more than once. Alf Skinner proved a dangerous man on the Vancouver wing, while Mickey Mackay showed flashes of speed and brilliance.

The game was remarkably clean, the only penalty of the night being handed out against the Maroons, Fredrickson, who was tripped, being given a free shot, which he failed to convert.

Art Duncan increased his lead in the scoring averages, getting a goal and an assist, while Freddie secured an assist. This makes the Vancouver skipper's total now 17 points, with Fredrickson three less.

Line-Ups

The teams were as follows:

Victoria	Position	Vancouver
Fowler	Goal	Lehman
Loughlin	Defence	Duncan
Halderson	Defence	Cook
Meeking	R. Wing	Skinner
Fredrickson	Centre	Boucher
Gibson	L. Wing	MacKay
Anderson	Reserve	Parkes
Hart	Reserve	Cotch
Trihey	Reserve	Matte
	Reserve	Bostrum

Goal Summary

First period—1, Victoria, Anderson from Fredrickson, 9:49; 2, Vancouver, Skinner from Duncan, 2:01.

Second period—None.

Third period—3, Vancouver, Duncan, 4:30; 4, Victoria, Meeking, :28.

Overtime—5, Victoria, Hart, 3:16.

Penalties

First period—None.

Second period—Penalty shot for Victoria, missed by Fredrickson.

Third period—None.

Overtime—None.

Referee—Mickey Ion.

HOCKEY RECORDS

Duncan Increases Lead

	G.	A.	Pts.
Duncan, Vancouver	12	5	17
Fredrickson, Victoria	10	4	14
Loughlin, Victoria	6	3	9
Fraser, Seattle	7	2	9
Walker, Seattle	7	2	9
Cook, Vancouver	5	3	8
Harris, Seattle	5	3	8
Foyston, Seattle	7	1	8
Matte, Vancouver	6	1	7
Gibson, Victoria	4	2	6
Boucher, Vancouver	6	0	6
Briden, Seattle	6	0	6
Halderson, Victoria	5	1	6
Meeking, Victoria	5	1	6
Hart, Victoria	5	1	6
MacKay, Vancouver	3	2	5
Anderson, Victoria	2	2	4
Parkes, Vancouver	3	0	3
Rowe, Seattle	2	0	2
Bostrum, Vancouver	2	0	2
Skinner, Vancouver	2	1	3
Trihey, Victoria	1	0	1
Cotch, Vancouver	1	0	1
McFarlane, Seattle	1	0	1

W.C.H.A. Standing

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Calgary	7	6	1	0	22	13	12
Saskatoon	12	5	5	2	33	35	12
Regina	8	5	2	1	22	16	11
Edmonton	7	2	3	2	15	17	6

Last Night's Results

Victoria 3; Vancouver 2 (overtime).

Calgary 4; Regina 1.

Tonight's Contest

Edmonton vs. Regina, at Edmonton.

Next Week's Matches

Tuesday—Vancouver vs. Seattle, at Vancouver (matinee fixture). Calgary vs. Edmonton, at Edmonton. Regina vs. Saskatoon, at Saskatoon.

Wednesday—Victoria vs. Seattle, at Seattle.

Thursday—Saskatoon vs. Regina, at Regina.

Friday—Seattle vs. Victoria, at Victoria. Edmonton vs. Calgary, at Calgary.

Saturday—Saskatoon vs. Edmonton, at Edmonton.

TODAY'S SOCCER

There are three First Division League soccer matches down for decision this afternoon as follows:

Veterans vs. Esquimalt, at Royal Athletic Park, referee Lock.

Sons of England vs. Wards, at Beacon Hill, referee Ockwell.

Moose vs. Navy, at Canteen, referee Payne.

Line-Ups

The following line-ups were announced yesterday:

Veterans—Leeming; Burton and Davidson; Roberts, Bloom and Ord; Cummings, Merfield, Cummings, Preston and Clarkson.

Sons of England—Hetherington, Hood, Harward, Anstead, Tupman, Driver, Shanks, Swan, Southern, Phillips and Smith.

Esquimalt—Nicol; Joe Watt and Carmichael; Hosmer Mesher and Bendal; Stewart, J. Watt, Tom Watt, Warren and Frampton. Reserves: Sherwood, Erskine and Ruggles.

North Wards—Goal, Cummings; full-backs, Bell and E. Taylor; half-backs, McKinnon, W. Brynjolfson and Wolseley; forwards, Howden Shillingford, E. Brynjolfson, Dowds, Kroger; reserves, Winpenny, McGregor and Simpson.

Moose—Goal, Holman; full-backs, Turner and Merris; half-backs, Easier, Webster and F. Moulton; forwards, Sharcott, Gray, Cummings, H Moulton and Allan.

Jap-American Wins Second Billiard Match From Austrian Champ

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Tadao Sumanuma, defending titleholder, tonight won the second match of his 1,200-point tournament for the United States national junior 18.2 balk-line billiards championship from Gene Bruno, Austrian champion, 400 to 155, giving him a total of 800 to 398, or a lead of 2 to 1.

Changes to Be Made In Links at Oak Bay

ON January 1, 1924, the use of the present third hole on the Victoria Golf Club links will be discontinued, what is now the fourth will be the third, the present fifth will be the fourth, and so on until the present sixteenth is reached which will be the fifteenth, and the new green which was recently constructed will be the sixteenth, the seventeenth and eighteenth will remain as before.

This new arrangement will do away with playing across Beach Drive to the old third, thus avoiding possible accidents on the road, and it is hoped it will also have a tendency to prevent delay at this point, as players have been frequently held up at number three on account of the traffic on Beach Drive.

Monthly Competition

On Saturday, December 29, the fourth monthly competition will be played, it will be a medal round, and the full handicap will be allowed, entrance fee will be fifty cents, and there will be two prizes; post entries

TO POPULARIZE STEEPLECHASING

COMMANDER ROSS WILL HELP BOOST THE SPORT

Best Strains of Horses to Be Imported From Old Country for the American Racecourses

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It is announced that Commander J. K. L. Ross, of Montreal, and William A. Read will co-operate with Major Frank White in popularizing the sport of steeplechasing in the United States. These three prominent turfmen propose to develop at Commander Ross' famous stud park at Laurel, Md., a strain of jumpers comparable to the best horseflesh on European tracks. It is regarded as significant that John McK. Bowman has already entrusted his subscription jumper Trayeen-Trisough to the handling of the Laurel Park stud.

The coterie of racing men interested in the move will import at Laurel Park stud, it is understood, the best strains of blooded horses, including yearlings, brood mares and seasoned jumpers from England and Ireland. They will also bring in a carefully chosen strain of hunters.

It is reported here that Commander Ross proposes to enlarge the activities of his breeding farm at Vercheres, near Montreal, Quebec.

TIJUANA RACING

TIJUANA, Dec. 28.—Following are the results of today's racing:

First race, 3-4 mile—1, Nan McKinney, 100 (Gentry); 2, Hilladale, 111 (Doyle); 3, Canny Lady, 111 (Logere). Scratch: Hobey Baker. Also ran: H. Warren, Dinna Fash, Clara Francis, Rossr, Salgeorge, Choirmaster and Dove's Roost. Time, 1:16.

Second race, 3-4 mile—1, Amackasain, 106 (O'Donnell); 2, Madge F., 111 (Barnes); 3, San Hedron, 111 (Neal). Scratch: Olympiad. Also ran: Vera Rita, Ponsa Ray, Gadling, Goldie Rose, Count Boris and Runnyol. Time, 1:17.

Third race, 5-8 mile—1, Brandies, 109 (Cantrell); 2, Fullanti, 109 (Claver); 3, Mad Trooper, 105 (Lavine). No scratches. Also ran: Atonement, Lummie W., Dell Evans, Chestnut Girl and Star Cloudy. Time, 1:02 4-5.

Fourth race, 5-8 mile—1, Harry D., 112 (Clark); 2, Joe Tag, 100 (Sutton); 3, Ella Waldo, 103 (Abel). Scratches: Gratian, Mythology, Flutrel, Billy Joe, Flica and Norford Honey. Also ran: Ravenwing, Pueblo, Z. Indo, Sly Fox, L. Gentry and Miss Dunbar. Time, 1:03.

Fifth race, 3-4 mile—1, Gunsight, 108 (Lavine); 2, Queen Catherine, 90 (O'Brien); 3, Cap. Clover, 113 (Sutton). Scratch: Billy Gibson. Also ran: Lavinia and El Roble. Time, 1:15 1-5.

Sixth race, mile and 70 yards—1, Warrior, 103 (Clark); 2, Punta Corda, 99 (Wood); 3, Phillipe Lugo, 108 (Lavine). Scratches: Fair Virginia, Eelman and Judge David. Also ran: Toombeola, Drifting, Sea Way, Seven Seas, Jolly Sailor, Everywoman, Faycile, My Rose. Time, 1:48 4-5.

Seventh race, mile and 70 yards—1, Mabel Rule, 110 (Clark); 2, Ballot Car (105) (Barnes); 3, So It Goes, 112 (Stevens). No Scratches. Also ran: Little B. Sheep, Monardella, Fair Orient and Croupier. Time, 1:48.

Eighth race, mile and 1-16—1, Ginger, 106 (Sutton); 2, Tule, 106 (Mein); 3, The Desert, 111 (Fator). Scratch: Dainty Lady. Also ran: Scraps, Wedding Prince, Jordan and Wylie. Time, 1:52 2-5.

Track clear and muddy.

Overnight Entries

First race, 5-8 mile—Ella Waldo, 101; Warrior, 104; March Lad, 104; Go, 104; Last Girl, 106; Count Boris, 106; Charmant, 106; Vera Rita, 106; Billy Joe, 107; Currency, 112.

Second race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Plantagenet, 100; Norford Honey, 102; Vesper Bells, 102; Evelyn Harrigan, 105; Flea, 105; Choirmaster, 105; Tennilee, 105; Sea Mint, 113.

Third race, mile and 70 yards—Scraps, 102; The Lamb, 104; Mary Jane Baker, 104; May Prosper, 104; Poor Puss, 104; Ispham, 104; Rifle, 109; Geo. Muehlbach, 109; Caunzel, 109; Hal Wright, 109; Olympiad, 109.

Fourth race, 3-4 mile—Pretty Mally, 101; Little Clair, 106; Spanish Rose, 110; Ida Francis, 110; Little Thistle, 111.

Fifth race, 5 1-2 furlongs—Mart Bunch, 97; Pavlowa, 102; Duty Boy, 102; Rosa Atkin, 105; Pueblo, 105; Dun Sandel, 105; Havana Electric, 107; Remit, 107.

Sixth race, 3-4 mile—Debonero, 100; Tikeh, 105; Occidental, 106; Famous Blue, 106; Green Spring, 108; Worthman, 108; Faber, 109; Mannikeh II, 109; Booneville, 109; Lady Leband, 109; Caveat Emptor, 111; Apricot, 111; Jack Ledi, 114.

Seventh race, 5-8 mile—Ramo, 92; Flame, 104; May Breun, 106; Hilladale, 109; Coax Me, 109; Clarkson, 109; Yukon, 114; Hereafter, 114; C. A. Comisky, 114; Dick Terpin, 114; Frano Tireur, 114.

Eighth race, mile and 1-8—Baccus, 108; Fair Virginia, 102; Bernice E., 106; Runnyol, 107; Car, 107; Bill's Luck, 107; Summer Sigh, 111; Louis, 111; The Wit, 111.

Veterans of France Entertain Kiddies

The Veterans of France, very ably assisted by the Ladies' Auxiliary, held a most successful Christmas tree and party at their club room yesterday.

About 150 children were present and sat down, in three sittings, to an excellent tea. During tea, Miss Thain gave selections on the piano, very ably assisted by Master Edmund Chrystopher with his side drum set. He is a boy who will go far if he continues such good work as he did yesterday. Comrade Merryfield gave a fine show of conjuring, and Comrade Ramsay his inimitable interpretation of a Chinese band and dancing.

After tea, the children came down stairs, and Santa Claus (Comrade MacKenzie) gave a suitable gift to each, then they went up stairs again and concluded with ice cream and dancing, Frank Coles playing the dance music.

When the skin is dry it is highly resistant to electric currents.

TENNIS AT CHRISTMAS

Lawn tennis at Christmas may be the usual thing in the Antipodes, but the average person who is not well up in his geography hardly expects to hear of it in Canada. Yet on Christmas Day here in Victoria members of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club were indulging on their favorite game on the local courts.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL

SOME STERN CONTESTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON

Cardiff City Will Play Aston Villa on Latter's Ground—Principal Matches Today

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Several stern contests are scheduled in the first division of the English football association tomorrow and not the least interesting of these will be the game between the league leaders, Cardiff City, and Aston Villa, on the latter's field.

The Villa lost a little lustre in their mid-week game with West Ham when the latter obtained a 1 to 0 advantage, but in the general run of play the game was even.

The runners-up, Huddersfield Town, visit Blackburn Rovers. Notwithstanding the difference of 5 points in the averages, Blackburn is capable of giving the Yorkshire men a tough game. Bolton Wanderers and Everton will furnish an equal contest.

Sunderland meets Notts County and other games are: Arsenal vs. Chelsea; Burnley vs. Preston North End; Liverpool vs. West Ham; Manchester City vs. West Bromwich; Notts Forest vs. Newcastle U.; Sheffield United vs. Middlesborough; Tottenham Hotspurs vs. Birmingham.

In the First Division of the Scottish League Rangers will meet Paisley St. Mirren. Celtic meets Clydebank, while Hearts of Midlothian meet Dundee.

Other games are: Aberdeen vs. Clyde; Airdrionians vs. Raith Rovers; Hamilton Acads. vs. Ayr United; Kilmarnock vs. Third Lanark; Partick Thistle vs. Falkirk; Queens Park vs. Motherwell.

CALGARY TIGERS NOW TIED WITH CRESCENTS

Defeat Regina Capitals by Four to One—Game All Theirs After First Period

CALGARY, Dec. 28.—The Calgary Tigers defeated the Regina Capitals here tonight by four to one and moved up beside the Saskatoon Crescents in a tie for leadership of the Western Canada Hockey League. In the first period Calgary obviously missed their defence star, Herb Gardiner, who is laid up with la grippe. Then they came back and by dint of speed and combination piled up their victory. In the third period they had everything their own way, with Oliver and Benson the outstanding players on the ice.

Summary

First Period—1, Regina, Dutkowski, 17:35.

Second Period—2, Calgary, Anderson, 11:32.

Third Period—3, Calgary, Oliver, from Benson, 11:12; 4, Calgary, Wilson, from Benson, 2:32; 5, Calgary, Morris, from Oliver, 6:00.

Jap Billiard Champ Wins From Austrian

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Tadao Sukanuma, Japanese holder of the junior national 12.2 balkline billiard championship, tonight turned back Jean Bruno, Austrian champion, in the first block of their 1,200-point championship match, 400-243.

FLYWEIGHT TITLE NOW CLAIMED BY McLARNIN

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—With the flyweight championship of British Columbia at stake, Jimmy McLarnin, of Vancouver, was given the decision over Mickey Gill, also of Vancouver, at the end of six fast rounds of boxing here tonight.

"Baby" Blue, a colored light heavyweight of Seattle, gave Nick Sennick, of Vancouver, a four-round boxing lesson as a semi-final to the main bout.

Aura Lee Juniors Win at Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—The opening game of the local junior O.H.A. at the Arena last night between St. Mary's, the junior S.P.A., winners, and Aura Lee resulted in a victory for the latter, 4-3.

SAILOR FRIEDMAN WINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Sailor Friedman, Chicago lightweight, defeated Johnny Clinton, New York, in ten rounds here tonight.

Sportive Punches

By the "Old 'Un"

Getting an amateur hockey team to represent its country in this branch of the Olympic games doesn't appear to be all plain sailing either in Canada or the United States.

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Although the Canadian worries are about over, and the regular Granite team, Allan Cup holders of last season, will probably start the games overseas, things don't seem to be straightened out yet on the American side.

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The astonishing statement has been broadcasted that players selected who refuse to go will be barred from playing with their home team.

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The Old 'Un was under the impression that the Olympic games were for amateurs only and that the international rules as to amateurism were somewhat drastic.

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To bar a player from playing the game at home because he is unable or unwilling to make the trip to Europe to compete in international contests simply cannot be done under amateur laws. Players are breaking no amateur rule in refusing to make the trip. BEING AMATEURS THEY CAN DO AS THEY PLEASE.

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This being so, the suspicion is at once aroused that they are not strictly amateurs. A Toronto writer comes out flatfooted and says that undoubtedly in most cases the clubs to which the players belong are back of the refusals.

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He declares it means that "If a star player goes to France, the chances of his club capturing honors at home are not so good. And in many cases the players have been brought to the city in which their club is to play hockey.

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IF THEY REFUSE TO PLAY THERE AND ACCEPT THE TRIP TO FRANCE THEY LOSE ALL THE GOOD THINGS PROMISED AT HOME.

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Looks as though different people have very different views as to what is amateur sport. Wonder what the Olympic committee thinks about it?

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The hockey players are not the only amateurs (?) who have to do what they are told in the matter of choosing where or when they shall play their game.

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PADDOCK got in bad for insisting on competing in Varsity track events "over there" when told American amateur athletes must refrain from foreign competitions until the Olympic Games.

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And look at the way BILL TILDEN got hauled over the coals for not following orders or instructions as to the way he should play his game.

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The truth is that the player who is outstanding in brilliance even among the stars is regarded as no longer an individual with the power to follow his own inclinations in the matter of playing games.

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His expenses are paid so that he can take part in the big tournaments and international events, and it's HIS BUSINESS TO come through, or tell the reason why.

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Hints for lady golfers—If you drive your own motor to the links be sure and see that the cowcatcher is in working order before taking the family limousine on the road to COLWOOD.

Intermediate Rugby Is Today's Feature

Oak Bay Wanderers Will Meet ex-King George, of Vancouver, at the Willows in First of Series for Province Cup—Senior "Rep" Team Will Have Practice Game at Oak Bay

THE team of the Oak Bay Wanderers, intermediates, will represent Victoria today, in the intermediate rugby intercity match against the ex-King George team, of Vancouver, in the first of the two-game series of rugby matches for the intermediate provincial championship and the Province Cup.

The match is to be played at the Willows and the whistle will be blown for the kick-off punctually at 3 p.m.

Although it is now a large number of years since the Province Cup rested in Victoria it is confidently expected that this year will see a change in its location. The Oak Bay Wanderers team has been playing some first-rate rugby this season and has won the championship after a series on local grounds which has created a lot of interest. It is agreed on all sides that the brand of rugby the local intermediates have been playing this season has been better than ever, and, if the ex-King George fifteen is able to beat them, that fifteen must play some very fine rugby, so that it is impossible that there should not be plenty for the fans to take an interest in in today's play at the Willows.

Senior Game

As Nanaimo is unable to field a team today for the senior division intercity match in the McKechnie Cup series which was scheduled for this afternoon, the local "rep" team is playing a practice game at Oak Bay, the teams being as follows:

"Rep" team—Full back, Johnson, captain; three-quarters, Totty, McInnis, Brynjolfson, Bendrodt; five-eighths, Goodacre; half backs, McLean and Taylor; forwards, Oland, Tolmie, McRae, Money, Pendray, Weingert, Kirk and Brynjolfson.

Second team—Scott; Ward, McLennan, Russell and Humphries; Passmore and McMillian; forwards, Crump, Duboulay, Allan, Weir, Biss, Armstrong, Donald and Barnes.

The Oak Bay Wanderers' line-up will be as follows: Full-back, Eaton; three-quarters, Stevens, Cabeldu, Gruhb and Walls; half-backs, Miller and Wenman; forwards, Officer, Beck, Holland, Devereux, Howker, Hayes, Cameron and Fitzpatrick.

Soccer Notes

By A. B. BROWN

A Busy Period

Christmas and New Year are generally regarded by the general public as periods of rejoicing and freedom from care and worry of things material, but this cannot be said of soccer professionals associated with the big league clubs in England and Scotland. The present week has been a busy time.

Leicester City v. Stockport County. Year will witness an equally strenuous session for footballers in Auld Scotia.

With the turn of the year comes the halfway stopping place of the season—when clubs take stock of their past achievements, and, in turn, look hopefully to the future in their efforts to maintain their present high standard or resolve to improve upon their records of the early months.

First Division Games

Games to be played Saturday in the First Division of the English League are:

Aston Villa v. Cardiff City.
Blackburn Rovers v. Huddersfield.
Bolton Wanderers v. Everton.
Burnley v. Preston North End.
Liverpool v. West Ham United.
Manchester City v. West Bromwich.
Notts Forest v. Newcastle United.
Sheffield United v. Middlesbrough.
Sunderland v. Notts County.
Tottenham v. Birmingham.
Arsenal v. Chelsea.

Villa and Cardiff

The meeting of Aston Villa and Cardiff City is an outstanding event on the card. Both clubs are in the first flight of big league football, and the match should attract one of the biggest crowds of the day.

Incidentally, it may be stated that in Aston Villa we have a club that holds the record for winning the First Division championship—six times—while, on the other hand, there is Cardiff City going strong in an effort to land the honor for the first time.

Big Day in Lancashire

There will be a big soccer day in Lancashire, with no fewer than five First Division games.

Blackburn Rovers entertain Huddersfield Town; Bolton Wanderers and Everton should provide one of the best games of the day; Burnley and Preston North End will have a royal battle at Turf Moor; Liverpool are at home to West Ham United; and Manchester City receive a visit from West Bromwich Albion.

Second Division

The Second Division games for Saturday are:

Barnsley v. Clapton Orient.
Blackpool v. Nelson.
Bradford City v. Manchester United.
Bristol City v. Stoke.
Coventry City v. Crystal Palace.
Derby County v. The Wednesday.
Fulham v. Oldham Athletic.
Leeds United v. South Shields.
Leicester City v. Stockport County.
Port Vale v. Bury.
Southampton v. Hull City.
Leeds United and South Shields are among the prospective clubs for promotion, and their match this week-end may be regarded as one of the most important on the schedule.

The meeting of Bradford City and Manchester United recalls the fact that they both dropped from the First Division to the Second two years ago. Their experience in the "lower house" has not been of the best.

Another good match is that between Derby County and the Wednesday.

Games Next Week

The following First Division games will be played on New Year's Day:

Blackburn Rovers v. Notts County.
Bolton Wanderers v. Birmingham.
Liverpool v. Chelsea.
Manchester City v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Middlesbrough v. Cardiff City.
Newcastle United v. Aston Villa.
Sheffield United v. West Ham United.
Sunderland v. Everton.

Scottish League

The First Division games in Scotland this week-end are:

Aberdeen v. Clyde.
Airdrieonians v. Raith Rovers.
Hamilton Academicals v. Ayr United.
Celtic v. Clydebank.
Hearts v. Dundee.
Partick Thistle v. Falkirk.
Morton v. Hibernians.
Kilmarnock v. Third Lanark.
Queen's Park v. Motherwell.
St. Mirren v. Rangers.

New Year's Events

The following are the matches on New Year's Day:

Dundee v. Aberdeen.
Airdrieonians v. Falkirk.
Ayr United v. Morton.
Celtic v. Rangers.
Raith Rovers v. Clyde.
Motherwell v. Hamilton Athletic.
Hearts v. Hibernians.
St. Mirren v. Kilmarnock.
Partick Thistle v. Third Lanark.

The above list includes a schedule that will attract great attention—notably the match between Celts and Rangers. Then there is the contest between the Edinburgh rivals, Hearts and Hibs.; while up north the tussle between Dundee and Aberdeen will be keenly contested on Tayside.

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TO USE DIRIGIBLE ON TRIP TO POLE

United States Naval Airship Shenandoah Scheduled for Flight via Puget Sound and Nome, Alaska, to North Pole—Two Naval Ships and Six Aeroplanes to Be Used on Polar Expedition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary of the Navy Denby made public yesterday details of the report of the Naval Board on plans for the exploration of the North Pole region to be undertaken by the naval aviation section in the dirigible airship Shenandoah.

The Navy Arctic expedition, the report declared at the outset, will have the following mission:

Explore unknown areas of the North Polar region.

Establish practicability of trans-polar air route.

To carry out the mission the board recommends that two vessels with mooring masts, six planes, one dirigible and certain mooring masts be used and that the trip be undertaken as early in the season as practicable.

The plan contemplates that the naval ships, each accompanied by three airplanes, will go ahead to Nome, Alaska and to Spitzbergen, where preliminary flights for aerological observations will be made. Then when all is ready for the airship Shenandoah, it will fly from Lakehurst, N.J., via mooring masts at Fort Worth, Texas, San Diego, Cal., Puget Sound and the Nome base, thence northward for the final accomplishment of the mission, the exploration of the North Polar region to include a systematic search of the unknown area north of Alaska.

Million Square Miles

"The purpose of naval exploration in the Arctic," says a Navy Department statement accompanying the special report prepared by the board, headed by Rear Admiral William A. Moffet, "is to determine and chart the location of land in an area one-third the size of the United States. This 1,000,000 square miles lying between Alaska and the North Pole is as yet unexplored.

"The real business of charting and exploring the regions north of Alaska has confronted aviation with problems that are forcing design forward with great strides. Short of actual war there has been nothing that has acted as more of a prod to designers and operators than the order of the Secretary of the Navy to do this work by aircraft.

Photographs

"Both planes and the dirigible Shenandoah are necessary for this work. The Shenandoah is used chiefly because of her greater cruising radius, but she has added advantages in ability to carry considerable photographic equipment, scientific instruments and ability to hover over a spot to take observations of the sun for fixing locations of places on the earth's surface.

For Short Flights

"The planes are of use for shorter flights in the neighborhood of the northern operating base. These planes secure aerological data that can be sent by radio to the United States to acquaint the dirigible as to weather conditions. After the northern base has been established with a mooring mast for the dirigible the Shenandoah could fly by stages from Lakehurst, N.J., to the Alaskan base."

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YOKOHAMA VISITORS USE SHIP AS HOTEL

Use P. & O. Steamer as Caravanserai—Prince Kanin to Visit America to Express Thanks

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Owing to the dearth of hotels in Yokohama, the San Francisco silk merchants visiting Japan are living on a P. & O. steamer, now known as the Ship Hotel. All of the hostelries in the Japanese city are in ruins, and visitors are forced to find unique places to reside. The steamer is moored at pier 12, on the Yokohama waterfront.

Big Changes Planned

It is estimated that the reconstruction of Tokio and Yokohama will cost in excess of $350,000,000, and elaborate changes are to be made in both cities. Six new canals are to be built and new roads constructed. These highways will be from 108 to 180 feet in width.

America will soon receive a communication signed by thousands of Japanese on Thanksgiving day, thanking the United States for its aid during the disastrous earthquake horror. It took many hours for the signing of the document.

Prince to Visit United States

In order to personally express the thanks of Japan, Prince Kanin will visit America in March, representing the dynasty. His visit will be an extensive one, it is said.

Mitsugori, famous Japanese dancer, plans to invade the United States with his company of twenty-five persons and present a novel musical production there. The tour will be managed by Y. Endo, of the Shochiku Theatre Company, and promoted by O. J. Masuyama.

PIRATES ATTACK BRITISH VESSEL

HONG KONG, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Hydrangea was attacked by pirates last night while on her way from Hong Kong to Swatow.

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WILL HOLD NEW WRECK INQUIRY

CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE THE HONDA DISASTER

Committee to Bare Details of Mishap Which Resulted in Loss of Seven Vessels

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A congressional investigation of the Honda destroyer disaster on the Pacific Coast, with the loss of seven ships and a score of lives, loomed today as a result of a preliminary inquiry made by the naval affairs subcommittee of the house appropriations committee.

Rear Admiral E. W. Eberle, chief of naval operations, appeared before the subcommittee today with all records bearing upon the Honda disaster.

The details of the destruction of the ships, as revealed in the naval inquiry at San Diego were read into the record of Admiral E. W. Eberle, and will be printed for the information of Congress.

The hearing before the appropriations committee today was behind closed doors. The inquiry by the general naval affairs committee will be open and naval officers will be subjected to grilling examinations by members of the committee. It has been decided by house appropriations committee on naval expenditures that the appropriations to be made will permit the enlisted personnel of the navy to be continued at 86,000, the same as at present. There is strong sentiment among "little navy" men in the house for an enlisted personnel of 67,000, or not to exceed 76,000, as a maximum. They will make their annual fight against the proposed appropriations.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

WEATHER REPORTS

Estevan—Cloudy; northwest, fresh; 29.85; 40; sea moderate.
Pachena—Cloudy; northwest; 41; moderate.
Cape Beale—Clear; northwest; 29.80; 47; sea calm.
Carmanah — Cloudy; southwest; 29.48; choppy.
Point Grey—Clear, northwest, strong; 30.02; 38; choppy.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; northwest, light; 29.78; 38; moderate.
Ocean Falls—Snow; calm; 29.88; 38.
Coal Harbor—Overcast; northwest, strong; 29.64; 28; choppy. Princess Beatrice, 2:30 p.m., Ivory Island, northbound.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; calm; 29.82; 38; smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.73; 30; smooth.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.80; 31; smooth.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 28.—Jacob Luckenbach, Portland; Narenta, Vancouver; Kinryo Maru, Anacortes. Sailed: J. A. Moffett, San Pedro; John C. Kirkpatrick, Brayclyde, Tacoma; President McKinley, Kobe.

TACOMA, Dec. 28. — Arrived: Burma Maru, Yokohama; Kirkpatrick, San Francisco. Sailed: Iowan, New York; Monsiree, Seattle; Kaitaril, Yokohama; Donna Lane, San Pedro.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Kiyo Maru, Yokohama; Siberia Maru, Hong Kong; Admiral Farragut, Seattle; Rose City, Portland. Sailed: Ipswich, Seattle.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Admiral Fiske, Suboatco, Alvarado, San Francisco; Riga, Dalran; Madoera, Tyne. Sailed: Johan Paulsen, Col. E. L. Drake, San Francisco.

Sailed

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 25.—Yokohama Maru, Seattle.

Arrived

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—Governor, Seattle.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 23.—Kaga Maru, Seattle.
TSING TAO, Dec. 27.—West Ison, Seattle.
KOBE, Dec. 23.—President Grant, Stuart Dollar, Tacoma. Dec. 26.—Yojin Maru, Seattle.

TIDES AT VICTORIA DECEMBER

Day	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.
1	2:01	3.6	10:30	8.3				
2	2:46	4.2	10:22	8.7	17:16	5.5	22:16	6.3
3	3:38	5.0	10:50	8.3	17:56	4.8	23:55	6.2
4	4:33	5.7	11:12	8.2	18:39	3.4		
5	1:35	6.2	2:30	6.5	11:47	8.2	19:22	2.4
6	3:43	7.5	4:30	6.9	14:17	8.8	20:04	1.8
7	4:06	7.7	7:31	7.4	13:40	0.8	20:40	0.8
8	5:34	8.1	8:30	7.1	13:33	0.8	21:28	0.7
9	6:38	8.4	8:58	6.5	13:55	0.5	22:13	0.7
10	7:35	8.6	10:27	8.1	14:27	0.5	22:57	1.1
11	8:00	8.7	11:50	8.1	14:33	0.5	23:43	1.7
12	8:45	8.8	13:45	7.4	16:04	6.8		
13	0:37	2.6	9:05	8.8				
14	1:18	3.4	9:34	8.0				
15	1:50	4.3	9:48	8.1	15:30	6.7	21:25	6.0
16	2:44	5.2	10:18	8.1				
17					10:46	8.8	18:31	4.3
18					11:17	8.8	18:14	3.3
19					11:47	6.1	18:30	3.3
20					12:13	8.3	20:05	3.7
21					12:38	8.2	20:33	2.3
22					12:48	8.2	21:01	1.9
23					12:46	8.2	21:32	1.7
24					12:50	8.2	22:08	1.7
25					12:57	8.0	23:40	1.0
26	3:33	8.4	10:20	8.3	12:57	8.0	23:43	1.0
27	3:48	8.4	11:34	8.8	14:08	6.7	23:23	2.1
28	5:10	8.4	11:56	7.3	14:37	8.8		
29	0:02	2.7	5:10	8.5	13:20	7.4	16:52	7.0
29	0:43	3.5	8:30	8.5	14:33	6.7	17:08	8.8
30	1:33	4.1	8:32	8.8	18:23	2.7	23:28	8.8
31	2:01	4.2	9:20	0.1	18:21	4.8	23:32	8.8

The Time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The Height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower Low Water.

Esquimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the drydock at any tide, add 18.9 feet to the height of High Water as above given.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET DECEMBER, 1923.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1923.

	Sun-rise	Sun-set		Sun-rise	Sun-set
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:12
2	7:45	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:01	4:18
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:49	4:20	21	8:02	4:20
6	7:50	4:20	22	8:03	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:03	4:21
8	7:52	4:19	24	8:04	4:22
9	7:52	4:19	25	8:04	4:22
10	7:53	4:18	26	8:05	4:23
11	7:55	4:18	27	8:05	4:24
12	7:56	4:18	28	8:05	4:25
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:06	4:26
14	7:58	4:18	30	8:06	4:27
15	7:59	4:18	31	8:06	4:28
16	7:59	4:18			

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B.C.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS DECEMBER

China and Japan

President Grant—Mails close Dec. 6, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Dec. 18, Shanghai Dec. 21, Hong Kong Dec. 23.

President Madison—Mails close Dec. 19, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Dec. 31, Shanghai Jan. 2, Hong Kong Jan. 6.

Africa Maru—Mails close Dec. 22, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 7.

Empress of Russia—Mails close Dec. 2?, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 5, Shanghai Jan. 13, Hong Kong Jan. 16.

President McKinley—Mails close Dec. 28, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 9, Shanghai Jan. 14, Hong Kong Jan. 18.

Protesilaus—Mails close Jan. 3, 9 a.m.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

(1) A compressed air diaphone fog alarm has been established on Entrance Island, Quatsino Sound, and will give the following signal: Blasts of 3½ seconds' duration divided by silent intervals of 27½ seconds.

(2) Mariners are hereby cautioned that the unwatched lights at the mouth of the Fraser River are reported not burning. These will be attended to as soon as possible.

A. W. R. WILBY,
Agent of Marine.

Three Men Start On Canoe Voyage Around the World

Three men of Munich, under the leadership of Herr Hiller, have started on a world tour in a twenty-foot sailing canoe. They expect to make the journey within three years. The party is now on its way down the Danube River, bound for the Black Sea.

Karl Schott, of the Danube Rowing Club, who has made the trip through European inland waters in a folding canoe, has just arrived in Constantinople, by way of the Black Sea from the mouth of the Danube. He is now planning a trip to Cairo, Egypt, by way of Smyrna and the coast of the Levant.

BOATSWAIN GOES MAD ON VOYAGE; ATTACKS CAPTAIN

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The tale of a murderous attack on Captain Kamesoburo Kalkanabe, of the Ohfo Maru, by the ship's boatswain, Tsuneryo Masu, who afterwards jumped overboard and was drowned, was related when the Japanese steamer arrived from England. The captain's face and neck were swathed in bandages and he was taken to a hospital.

The boatswain had been acting strangely for several days. On December 1, he entered the captain's cabin, drew a razor and slashed the captain's face and neck. The captain managed to wrest the razor from him, cutting his hands badly, and called for help. Before members of the crew could seize Masu he ran to the rail and leaped into the sea.

DREDGE CHANNEL AT GOLDEN GATE

San Francisco Harbor to Be Made Safe for Entry of Largest Vessels—Use Modern Dredge

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28—Actual work of dredging the bar outside the Golden Gate, long awaited by shipping men, is to be commenced Saturday, it was announced yesterday by Colonel Herbert Deakyne, War Department engineer. The big sea-going dredge Culebra, which arrived from the Atlantic Coast a few months ago, will go outside to begin deepening the bar to forty feet from its present depth of thirty-three feet.

A channel 2,000 feet wide will be dredged three miles long over the bar, permitting the largest merchant vessels and warships to enter San Francisco harbor without danger of grounding. The work will be started about five miles west of the Cliff House.

The Culebra is of the most modern type suction dredge. It is self-contained and virtually an ocean steamer, only instead of cargo spaces there are bins for dredged material. It has a capacity of 2,500 cubic yards of sand or silt and half an hour is consumed in "loading" a cargo. When the bins are full the Culebra will steam a short distance out into deep water, open the bottom and drop the sand, then return to the dredging site. Since its arrival in San Francisco the Culebra has been converted from a coal to an oil burner. During foul weather it will work inside the heads.

DANISH VESSEL DRIVES ASHORE

Forty Passengers Taken Off King Haakon by Tugs After Ship Strands in North Sea

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28. — The small passenger steamer King Haakon, which left Harwich, on the English east coast, Wednesday night for Esberg, on the Jutland coast of Denmark, was stranded yesterday near the island of Fanco in the North Sea off Jutland. A wireless call for help brought tugs to the assistance of the vessel, and all her 40 passengers, most of whom were said to be from the United States, were safely taken off. The transfer was made in the darkness and the passengers were in danger for a considerable time before being landed on the island of Fance.

TOURISTS TURNING TO SOUTH AMERICA

American Business Men Visiting Republics to Stimulate Trade—Steamship Lines Issue Propaganda

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Central and South America will prove the Mecca this season for tourists from America, according to steamship companies who have booked their vessels for this service. The heavy travel is expected as the result of lavish propaganda that has been distributed.

One explanation for the increase in travel is the desire of many American business men to visit these countries to develop trade. Eastern shipping companies have placed luxurious steamers on these runs.

To encourage closer contact with South America, steamship lines have been issuing voluminous accounts of the beauties of the countries. Advance agents of steamship companies and travel bureaus have invaded the South American cities and out of the way places, preparing for the arrival of American tourists.

AMERICAN WARSHIP TO VISIT VICTORIA

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—The World carries the following dispatch from Ottawa: "The United States warship Cincinnati is to visit Victoria between February 1 and February 4, according to a dispatch to Ottawa from the British Embassy."

REACHES WILLIAM HEAD AT DAYBREAK

Canadian-Australian Liner Makura Docks This Morning—President Jackson Due Tomorrow

The Canadian-Australian Royal Mail liner Makura reported by wireless last night that she will reach William Head at daybreak this morning. The ship is carrying a passenger list of average size and a large consignment of New Zealand butter.

Radio messages from the Admiral Oriental liner President Jackson stated that the vessel will reach quarantine at daybreak tomorrow morning. The President McKinley, of the same line, sailed for the Orient yesterday.

PLANE TO REPLACE HUSKY DOG TEAMS

Alaska Mail to Cover Twelve to Twenty-Day Dog Trip in Three Hours in Airplane

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 28.—Gone will be the days of the Alaska mail dog teams if negotiations now under way between the United States postal authorities and Carl C. Eilenson, an aviator of Fairbanks, Alaska, are successful. No longer will the snarl of the huskies, the creak of dog harness and the scream of iron on frost be heard at the Nenana post-office when the mail for McGrath and other interior mining points leaves. Instead, the roar of an airplane engine will signal the mail's departure.

Where it now takes a dog team, going at top speed, from twelve to twenty days to make the 230-mile trip, the airplane service will travel the distance in about three hours, according to W. C. Van Dervoort, superintendent of the railway mail service, who has jurisdiction over the Alaska territory. The airplane service will start from Nenana in February, when Eilenson, in a De Haviland four plane to be supplied by the department, will carry the mail, if plans now under way materialize.

McGrath has been without mail for a month due to conditions of travel. The dog teams cannot cover the trail, and there is no other way of delivery, except by airplane. The flyer would leave Nenana, fly up the Kantishna River to its headwaters, cross Lake Minchumina, and follow the east fork of the Kuskokwim River to McGrath. This station is the distributing point for Ophir, Takotna, Iditarod and Flat City.

NO CARGOES FOR SAILING VESSELS

Sixty Per Cent of British Deep Sea Ships Are Tied Up—World's Tonnage Shows Decrease

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Presiding at the annual meeting of the British Sailing Ship Owners' Association, A. W. Daniels said 60 per cent of British sailing ships engaged in the deep sea trade were tied up. There was a reduction of 96,437 in the United Kingdom and dominions' sailing tonnage between June, 1922, and June, 1923, while the world's sailing tonnage had decreased by 1,260,574 tons in that period.

These figures, he added, did not include vessels fitted with auxiliary engines, the development of which had been remarkable.

SHIP-BREAKING IS BIG GAMBLE

At present, Germany is the best market for obsolete ships, for the reason that with labor paid in paper money valued at but a few cents in hard cash, German buyers can pay a higher price for the metal in ships' hulls. They have paid as much as $10 a ton for ships, which would be a ridiculous price to other buyers.

It is figured in England that it costs about £2 per ton to break up a ship, and the amount of valuable metal recoverable is very much less than is commonly supposed, says "Nauticus." Warships are the best propositions to shipbreakers, owing to the amount of non-ferrous metals which they yield. Thus while the engines of an obsolete battleship may yield as much as 800 tons of heavy non-ferrous metals, it takes a big merchant liner to yield 25 to 30 tons from engines and fittings.

CAPTAIN SUDDENLY BECOMES ADMIRAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Reporting that his former captain had, overnight, become an admiral in the Mexican revolutionists' navy, and that his ship, with five hundred cases of Federal ammunition aboard, had been turned over to the rebels, Hamlet Loftfield, until recently wireless operator of the steamer Oaxaca, arrived here yesterday.

Loftfield was the only American on board the Oaxaca. When the officers and crew joined the revolutionists the night the ship entered Manzanillo, he was shunted to another Mexican steamer, being forced to leave his clothing and personal belongings behind. He reached this port in a borrowed suit of clothes, as a passenger on the steamer Colima.

Shipping Calendar

To Arrive

R.M.S. Makura, from Sydney, Dec. 28
Tokiwa Maru, from Yokohama, Dec. 30
President Jackson, from Yokohama, Dec. 30.
Empress of Australia, from Yokohama, Jan. 3
Achilles, from Yokohama, Jan. 9
Colonial, from Liverpool, Jan. 20
Arabia Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 6
Spectator, from Liverpool, Jan. 28
Manila Maru, from Yokohama, Feb. 1.
Niagara, from Sydney, Feb. 2.

To Sail

Kakata Maru, for Orient, Dec. 29.
Shidzuoka Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 2.
Alabama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 2.
Empress of Australia, for Yokohama, Jan. 10.
Author, for Liverpool, Jan. 12.
Yokohama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 22.
Arabia Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 25.

Sleepless, Foodless, "Sparks" Sticks by Keys for 36 Hours

Radio Operator Bob Waltham Is Hero Aboard Steamer Author—Endangered Ship Kept Tab on Position Through Wireless Directions—Vancouver Island Station Keeps Vessel Informed

WHEN all's well with the ship, when hungry reefs lurking beneath a swirl of foam on some fog-bound coast are miles behind, as the ship serenely sails along in midocean, "Sparks" is an envied member of the crew. But when danger looms in one of the manifold forms which beset the mariner at sea, no one in the whole complement is more important than the wireless operator; no one, not even the captain, must stick to his post with greater tenactiy and courage than "Sparks," he, who, it is the popular belief, spends all his time with a set of receivers over his ears reading the latest novels.

Bob Waltham, popular wireless operator of the Harrison-Direct liner Author, had no sinecure on Christmas Eve. When the engines of his vessel had broken down, to leave her at the mercy of a fifty-mile gale, a scant twenty-six miles off a lee shore bristling with just such rocks as can reduce a ship's bottom to a shapeless mass of steel with the rapidity and finality of a ship-breaker's gigantic hammers, all thought of Rex Beach or Robert W. Chambers fled from his mind.

As the Author was slowly but surely driving on to the Gray's Harbor coast in the darkness and driving sleet of that wild gale, while the engineers taxed their last ounce of strength and called on their last resource of ingenuity to repair the broken feed pump, Captain Kinloch had only one means of knowing just how fast his command was being driven to destruction, and that was Bob Waltham.

Foodless, Sleepless

For thirty-six hours Bob had never a bite of food nor a wink of sleep, while he kept his sending key busy calling for position from the Pachena Point wireless direction-finding station.

At intervals he would send a little slip of paper full of fatal import to the navigating officers straining their eyes on the bridge for the first sight of that flurry of foam which announces an ambush of breakers. On it they would read the exact position of the helpless Author at the moment, and, referring to the chart, would compute the alarming progress of the ship towards the dread rocks of the coast.

Bob found himself at that time enacting a role as dramatic and vital as any depicted in the romances lining the shelves of the cherished library in the snug little radio cabin of the SS. Author.

The rolling of the ship as she wallowed in the trough of the gigantic seas was terrific. The noise, too, of the wind and waves was deafening. He had to keep sending continuously—sending under the most adverse of conditions. But the knowledge that Pachena was sending him in the cryptic messages was of vital importance to some thirty persons aboard. And so Bob stuck to his guns—for thirty-six hours on end.

Pachena Point kept in touch with the vessel constantly until the gale abated and she was able to limp her two knots an hour, with engines temporarily repaired, in the direction of Victoria. Estevan stood by for the ship all night, suspending all other traffic.

Tribute to B.C. Radio

Captain Kinloch gave unstinted praise to the work of Pachena when his vessel docked here in tow of the Sea Monarch. But he is not the first mariner to appreciate the invaluable work of the Canadian Government wireless service. The following letter was received several days ago by Mr. E. J. Haughton, superintendent here, from S. Ogata, Seattle manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company:

"Up to the time of installation of your station a few weeks ago, we experienced many difficulties in obtaining a true position of our ships at the entrance of the Straits during misty and foggy weather.

"However, we are pleased to advise you that our SS. Hakata Maru, arriving from the Orient a few days ago, made a very pleasing report to us indeed of the service rendered by your station and Tatoosh Island.

"The commander reports that it was necessary that he ask repeatedly for bearings, and that they were furnished promptly and correctly, which enabled him to enter the Straits without having observed any landmarks whatever. This, indeed, is very gratifying to us, and we wish to sincerely thank you for the kind efforts you put forth in giving our vessel such valuable information.

"We trust that in future the service will be equally as good."

Leviathan Does $250,000 Damage To Sewer System

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—When the steamer Leviathan stranded off Robbins' Reef, in New York harbor last Friday, she so jeopardized the outlets to the $20,000,000 sewerage system which serves Newark and two other municipalities that the Pacific sewerage commission today notified the Shipping Board to prepare to receive claims for damages, if preliminary reports of engineers are corroborated by deep-sea divers. Engineers predict that the damage will amount to a quarter million dollars.

IMMIGRANTS TURN TO THIS COUNTRY

United States Immigration Restrictions Held Responsible for the Large Influx Into Canada

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—What promises to be one of the largest movements of immigration into Canada for some years will occur during the first two months of 1924, according to an announcement made by officials of the Canadian National Railways today. Not until the end of March, it is claimed, will there be an end to the influx already insured. Six transatlantic liners have completed arrangements with the Canadian Government and with the National Railways for the carrying of the immigrants from Europe. Despite the large number of sailings which have been announced by each line, complete arrangements have been made for the handling of the traffic in Canada.

Strictness of the United States immigration quota is the reason assigned for the acquisition by Canada of these latest newcomers, all of which, it is stated, will be of the type of citizen whose advent is welcomed by the various provincial departments of agriculture. Further announcement of date of arrival of the various parties will be made by the Canadian National Railways.

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OCEAN FALLS-PRINCE RUPERT ROUTE—From Vancouver every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.
POWELL RIVER-UNION BAY-COMOX ROUTE—From Vancouver every Tuesday and Saturday at 11:45 p.m.
UNION BAY-COMOX-POWELL RIVER—From Vancouver every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
WEST COAST VANCOUVER ISLAND ROUTE—From Victoria 1st, 10th, 20th each month at 11:00 p.m.
GULF ISLANDS ROUTE—SS. Otter leaves Belleville St. Wharf every Monday at 7:15 a.m., and every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. SS. Charmer leaves Victoria at 11:00 a.m. every Tuesday, calling at Port Washington, Ganges and Mayne Island.

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FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

INCOME TAX DODGERS AFFECT STOCK MARKET

Selling to Establish Losses Carries Prices Down, But Swing Up Again at Session's End

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Heavy selling of stocks for the purpose of establishing income tax losses gave the stock market a reactionary appearance this morning, but the offerings were well absorbed, and the upward movement was under way again in the afternoon under the leadership of United States Steel common. Pool operations in a number of issues were suspended while the selling was in process.

Buying of United States Steel, which crossed ninety-nine, apparently was based on the belief that business in the first few months of next year will be sufficient to warrant the continuance of the extra dividend.

Railroad shares improved slightly on a relatively light volume of trading. November earnings reports, which are now making their appearance are generally regarded as favorable.

Buying Oil Shares

Further readjustments in crude oil prices and an increase of two cents a gallon in price of gasoline by the Standard Oil Co., brought fresh buying into the oil shares.

General Electric, National Lead, and American Sugar Refining, each up 1⅝ on the day, were among the strong spots in the active issues.

Shifting of bonds incidental to the close of the year resulted in a renewal rate of 5½ per cent for call money, which later advanced to six per cent.

Time money and commercial paper rates were unchanged.

French francs, which recently established a new low for all time, below five cents, were slightly firmer. Demand sterling was off about half a cent at $4.34¼.

Bond Trading Broad

Bond trading today was over a broad list, and somewhat more active than for several days. Despite recessions of some size in a few issues, the tone continued firm.

A compilation of bond maturities in 1924 discloses the amount is less than for several years, aggregating only $591,894,030, including foreign government bonds, as compared with $865,681,150 in 1923, and $1,259,241,590 in 1922.

Sensational advances were recorded in today's market by the bonds of the Atlantic Fruit Company, due to heavy buying as a result of the Federal court decision directing the sale or return of the company's assets by the receiver. Some of the bonds were up more than six points at one time.

Trading in active United States Government bonds and the foreign group was rather dull, and price changes accordingly small.

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All Fractions in Eighths

	High	Low	Close
Ajax Rubber	9-5	9-3	9-3
Allis Chalmers	45-4	40-4	45-4
Allied Chem.	69-3	68-6	69-3
Am. Beet Sugar	41-3	41-3	41-3
Am. Bosch Mag.	94	86	96
Am. Can.	105-3	109-5	155-3
Am. Car & Fdy.	163	162	162
Am. Intl. Corp.	28-7	22	25-1
Am. Linseed	17-2	17-9	17-3
Am. Locomotive	75-5	74-5	75
Am. Ship & Comm.	10-5	10-9	10-6
Am. Smelters	58-4	59-3	59-5
Am. Steel Fdy.	38-3	38	38-5
Am. Sugar	58-3	54-5	56
Am. Sum. Tob.	26-7	16-5	26-4
Am. Tel. & Tel.	125	124-5	124-9
Am. Woolens	73-1	73-5	72-5
Anaconda	36-4	35-6	36
Atlantic Gulf	17-4	16-5	17-4
Atchison	99-7	96-9	66-7
Baldwin Loco	125-5	124-4	125
Baltimore & Ohio	58-7	58-2	58-7
Bethlehem Steel	59-9	52-3	50-5
California Packing	86-4	90-3	86-4
California Pete	26-4	26-9	26-1
Canadian Pacific	146-7	146-2	146-2
Cast Iron Pipe	96	86-2	96
Cerro de Pasco	49-2	43-1	45-1
Central Leather	19	15-4	19-4
Chandler	66-4	65-1	66-4
Chesapeake & Ohio	69-4	69-2	69-4
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	19-1	19-2	13
Chic., Mil. & St. P. pfd.	22	19-2	29-7
Chic. & Northwest	48-5	48	49-6
Chic., R.I. and Pac.	21	20-4	21
Chile Copper	27-3	27-2	27-5
Chino Copper	17-5	17-4	17-5
Coca Cola	75	73-7	75
Columbia Gas	37-1	31-7	34-7
Cons. Gas	60-7	65-3	66-7
Cont. Can.	56	54-1	96
Corn Products	156-7	159	154
Cosden Oil	34-3	35-1	30-3
Cuba Am. Sugar	24	29	24
Cuba C. Sugar	15-7	15-2	15-7
Cuba C. Sugar pfd.	64	62-5	61
Crucible Steel	67-7	66-4	67-9
Davison Chem.	71-3	68-1	71
Del., Lack & West	111-2	111-2	111-2
Dupont Powder	129-3	127-5	128-4
Endicott Johnson	64-4	63-2	64
Erie	21-4	21-3	21-3
Erie 1st pfd.	29-5	29-5	29-3
Famous Players	72	70-4	71-1
Fisk Tire	8	7-7	7-7
General Asphalt	46-6	39-2	40-9
General Electric	196	194-1	196
General Motors	14-6	14-5	14-9
Goodrich Rubber	22	21-6	22
Granby	15	14-3	14-5
Great Northern Ore	28-4	27-4	26-4
Great Northern pfd.	52-6	51-5	52-5
Gulf States Steel	83-4	83-1	83-3
Houston Oil	71-4	69-2	70-4
Illinois Central	100-4	99-6	100-4
Inspiration	24-3	21	24-9
Intl. Harv.	76-4	76-2	76-2
Intl. Mer. Marine	6-1	6-1	6-1
Intl. Mer. Mar. pfd.	29-4	28-3	29-4
Intl. Nickel	13-7	12-9	13-9
Intl. Paper	39-7	34-7	36-7
Invincible Oil	17-6	17	17-3
Julius Kayser	33-2	35-3	35-2
Kan. City Southern	19	17-4	18
Kennecott Copper	34	35-2	33-6
Kelly Springfield	32-3	31-6	25
Keystone Tire	3-5	3-4	3-4
Kresge	290	290	290
Lehigh Valley	69-4	69-1	69-4
Louis. & Nash	88	88	89
Mack Truck	91-3	90-3	90-4
Marland Oil	29-1	28	26-5
Maxwell "A"	49-5	47-6	46-5
Maxwell "B"	13	10-5	13
Mex. Seaboard	15-4	16-2	15-2
Miami	21-4	21-1	21-4
Middle States Oil	6	6-6	9
Midvale Steel	29-9	28-2	28-4
Miss. Pacific	9-2	9-1	9-2
Miss. Pac. pfd.	28-2	27-3	27-7
Moon Motor	29-4	26-1	26-1
National Enamel	40-4	39-5	40-4
National Lead	141	140	149-4
Nevada Cons	11-5	11-5	11-5
Norfolk & West.	103-4	101-4	102-6
North American	22-3	22-1	22-1
Northern Pacific	59	61-1	59
N.Y. Central	104-3	101-1	101-2
N.Y., N.H. & Hart.	14	13-4	14
N.Y., Ont. & West.	15-4	12-6	15-6
Packard Motor	12-3	12-3	12-3
Pacific Oil	51-5	50-1	51-1
Pan American	63-7	63	63-7
Pan American "B"	63-6	60	61-4
Pennsylvania R.R.	41-4	41-2	41-9
People's Gas	97-2	97	97-2
Pere Marquette	41-3	41-3	41-3
Phillips Pete	34	33-1	31
Pierce Arrow	9	8-7	9
Pressed Steel Car	55	51-4	51-4
Prod. & Ref.	36-2	34-5	36-2
Pullman Co.	122-1	122-6	123-1
Punta Allagre	59-9	56-5	59-1
Pure Oil	24-7	26-7	26-9
Ray Cons	11-1	11-1	11-2
Reading	77-4	77-1	77-5
Replogle Steel	11-4	10-4	10-4
Rep. Iron & Steel	51-2	46-5	61-3
Reynolds Tob. "B"	79-3	79-9	79-5
Royal Dutch	49	48-4	48-5
Shell Union	16-6	16-4	16-6
Sinclair Cons	27	26-4	29-5
Skelly Oil	89	88-5	93-6
Sloss Sheffield	51-7	60-4	51-4
Southern Pacific	86-6	86-1	89-6
Southern Railway	37-3	39-6	36-9
Standard Oil, Cal.	69-7	67-9	69
Standard Oil, N.J.	40	39-1	60-7
Standard Oil, Ind	68	68	69
Stewart Warner	90-4	89-4	90-4

Stramburg Carb.	80-2	79-4	90
Studebaker	104-5	109-1	109-4
Texas Co.	43-4	43-1	43-4
Texas Gulf Sulphur	61-9	61-6	61-5
Texas Pacific R.R.	19	18	18
Tex. Par. C. & O.	11-1	11	11
Timken Roller	98-7	98-4	88-4
Tobacco Prod.	60-4	98-9	60-4
Trans. Oil	5-7	9-5	9-4
Union Pacific	127-4	126-9	127-4
United Fruit	178-6	176-4	178-9
U. S. Ind. Alco.	71-5	70-1	71
U. S. Rubber	37-6	37-1	37-5
U.S. Steel	98-1	97	96-5
U. S. Steel pfd.	119-3	118-3	116-3
U. S. Smelting	20	20	20
Utah Copper	66	63-7	68-7
Vanadium	90-7	60-1	36-2
Wabash	94-2	38-9	93-7
Western Union	106	106	108
Westing. Elec.	60-9	66-4	66-4
White Motor	55-4	55-4	59-4
Willys-Overland	18-1	9-6	10-1
Willys-Overland pfd.	80-4	70-5	70-5
Woolworth	295-4	255	285

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Foreign exchange irregular. Quotations in cents:
Great Britain—Demand, 434⅝; cables, 434¾; 60-day bills on banks, 469⅛.
France—Demand, 5.12½; cables, 5.13.
Italy—Demand, 4.33¼; cables, 4.33⅝.
Belgium—Demand, 4.46; cables, 4.49½.
Germany — Demand, .000000000095; cables, .000000000025.
Holland—Demand, 39.08; cables, 39.05.
Norway—Demand, 14.76.
Sweden—Demand, 26.43.
Denmark—Demand, 17.75.
Switzerland—Demand, 17.50.
Spain—Demand, 13.60.
Greece—Demand, 2.82.
Poland—Demand, .000018.
Czecho-Slovakia—Demand, 2.82½.
Jugo-Slavia—Demand, 1.13½.
Austria—Demand, .0014⅛.
Roumania—Demand, .51⅜.
Argentine—Demand, 31.8a.
Brazil—Demand, 10.15.
Montreal, 97 9-32.

NEW YORK CURB

2 O'CLOCK LIST

Industrials

	Bid.	Asked.
Acme Coal	1	1⅛
Centrifugal	90⅝	91⅝
Checker Cab	39	40
Durant Del.	50	95⅛
Mesabi	7⅝	8
Stutz	8	9
Radio	4½	4⅝
Reo	17	17⅛
Tob. Prod. Ex.	5½	5⅝
Un. Profit Shar.	7½	7⅝
Un. Retail Candy	5	5⅛
Cities Svc., com.	141	141½
Cities Svc., pfd.	67⅝	47⅞
Cities Svc., Bkrs.	14⅝	14⅞
Oils		
Carib.	5	5⅛
Federal	60	66
Glenrock	80	84
Int. Pete.	20⅝	21
Keystone Ranger	2	3
Marl Mexico	26	95
Mutual Oil	12⅝	12⅞
Noble Oil	6	10
Panaock	19	15½
Ryan Cons.	2⅝	3
Sapulpa	80	80
Salt Cr. Prod.	21¼	21½
Salt Cr. Cons.	8	11
Seaboard Oil	70	80
Wilcox	8½	6⅝
Mines		
Ariz. Globe	13	14
Butte & West	25	30
Cal. Jerome	6	12
Candelabria	2	9
Cons. Copper	1⅝	1⅛
Cresson	8⅝	8⅝
Delaree	16	19
Eureka	16	19
Hecla	9⅞	9⅛
Hollinger	11	11½
Howe Sound	2⅝	3
Ind. Lead	14	16
J. C. Dev.	1⅝	.
Kerr Lake	8	2⅛
Mason Valley	1⅝	1⅝
Ny. Porcupine	32	50
Nipissing	6¼	6½
Ohio Cop.	76	96
Ray Herc.	16	25
Simons Lead	1	8
Success	45	50
Teck Hughes	1 9-16	1⅛
Tuolamne	9	4
Un. Eastern	95	97
Un. Verde	87½	28
Wayne Coal	50	70

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Mining

	Bid	Asked
Boundary Red Mountain	.19	.24
Bowens Copper	..	.10
Coalmont Collieries	..	30.50
Cons. M. & S.	27.00	25.50
Cork Province	.06½	.00½
Douglas Channel	.01	.51⅝
Dunwell Mines	..	1.75
Granby	14.00	..
Hazelton Gold-Cobalt	..	.01
Howe Sound	2.75	3.55
Indian Mines	.50	.57
International Coal	.11	.14
Liberator Mining Co.	..	.05
McGillivray Coal	.95	.73
Premier Mines	2.60	..
Rambler-Cariboo	..	.06
Sheep Creek Cons.	.50⅝	.06½
Silver Crest Mines	..	.03
Silversmith	..	.38
Snug Cove Copper	..	.03
Standard Silver Lead	..	.71
Sunloch Mines	..	.50
Surf Inlet Gold	..	.17
Oils		
Athabasca Oil	..	.05
Boundary Bay Oil	.50 1-16	.00⅛
Empire Oil	..	.00½
Pitt Meadows	..	.02
Spartan Oil	.00⅛	.00⅝
Sweetgrass	.00⅝	.00⅝
Trojan Oil	.04⅞	..
Utility Oil	..	.06⅛
British Pete	1.00	..
Miscellaneous		
Allen Theatre pfd.	24.55	
B.C. Perm. Loan	94.50	100.00
C. P. R.	146.00	156.60
Gregory Tire & Rubber	..	3.99

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Copper quiet. Electrolytic, spot and nearby 13c to 13¼c; futures 13c to 13¼c.

Tin easy, spot and nearby $47.12; futures $46.62.

Iron unchanged.

Lead steady, spot $7.45 to $7.50.

Zinc quiet, East St. Louis, spot and nearby $6.27 to $6.90.

Antimony, spot $8.75 to $15.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Standard copper, spot £97; futures £61 15s. Electrolytic, spot £69 15s; futures £67 5s.

Tin, spot £292 17s 9d; futures £924 7s 6d.

Lead, spot £30 7s 6d; futures £25 12s 6d.

Zinc, spot £32 15s; futures £29.

MONTREAL STOCKS

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)
All Fractions in Eighths

	Close
Bell Telephone	125-4
Brampton Paper	40-6
Brazilian Trac.	41-2
Cons. M. & S.	51
Dominion Bridge	66-4
Dominion Canners	91
Dominion Textile	63-4
Lake of Woods Milling	166-4
Laurentide Co.	91
National Breweries	56-4
Atlantic Sugar	16-4
Spanish River Pulp	100
Steel of Canada	77

VICTORY AND WAR LOANS

(R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

Victory Loan, 5½%—Tax Free

	Bid	Asked
1927, 1st June and Dec.	161.80	103.96
1932, 1st May and Nov.	184.90	165.90
1937, 1st June and Dec.	161.15	108.15
Victory Loan, 5½%		
1924, 1st May and Nov.	99.60	106.90
1927, 1st May and Nov.	166.75	161.75
1933, 1st May and Nov.	161.35	106.55
1934, 1st May and Nov.	161.86	102.85
War Loan, 5%—Tax Free		
1925, 1st June and Dec.	69.60	760.90
1931, 1st April and Oct.	166.25	101.26
1937, 1st Mar. and Sept.	102.23	103.26

(Payable New York.)

U. S. LIBERTY BONDS

(Supplied by Burdick Brothers, Limited)

Liberty 3½'s	96.64@99.66
Liberty 1st 4's	96.04@96.86
Liberty 2nd 4¼'s	96.04@90.86
Liberty 3rd 4¼'s	66.00@96.11
Liberty 4th 4¼'s	88.67@94.60
1st and 2nd 4¼'s	98.90@95.06
U. S. 4¼'s	00.06@69.00

NEW YORK COTTON

(By B.A. Bond Corporation, Ltd.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	95.44	55.60	95.12	36.17
March	36.86	96.14	95.38	36.76
May	96.96	60.39	98.76	35.88
July	85.26	65.49	94.80	94.89
October	30.25	58.39	58.61	30.67
Spot	.....	.....	.....	36.65

RAW SUGAR

(By B.A. Bond Corporation, Ltd.)

	High	Low	Close
January	5.20	5.17	5.17
March	4.61	4.96	4.96
May	4.06	4.01	4.81
July	4.08	4.89	4.08
Spot			5 11-16

WHEAT PRICES AT WINNIPEG HIGHER

In Spite of Slight Trading at Prairie City, Quotations Marked Up Fractionally

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Values were firm as the wheat market today and closed ⅜ cent higher on a light trade; the limited offerings were well absorbed. The character of the trade was largely scalping, although there was good buying which suggested export business worked at lower lake ports, and milling interests were also somewhat active at times.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	92⅛	92⅝	92⅛	92⅝
May	98⅛	98⅝	97⅞	98⅛b
July	98⅝	100½	99⅝	100⅛b
Oats—				
Dec.	34½	38⅜b	36⅝	36⅝b
May	41	41⅝b	40⅞	41
July	41⅞	42⅛b	41⅞	41⅞a
Barley—				
Dec.	61⅝	96½b	91⅝	69½b
May	56⅝	57⅛	56⅝	56⅝b
Flax—				
Dec.	188	188	187⅝a	188b
May	204⅝	205½	204½	205½
Rye—				
Dec.	64⅝	65	64⅝	64⅞b
May	70⅝	70⅝	70⅛	70⅛

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 nor., 92⅝; 2 nor., 89⅝; 3 nor., 84⅝; No. 4, 77⅛; No. 5, 68⅛; No. 6, 67⅛; feed, 65⅛; track, 92⅛. Special rusted grades: No. 4, 77⅛; No. 5, 99⅛; No. 6, 67⅛.

Oats—5 cw., 36½; 3 cw., 69½; extra 1 feed, 33⅝; 1 feed, 31⅝; 2 feed, 29⅛; rejected, 26⅛; track, 36½.

Barley—3 cw., 65½; 4 cw., 59½; rejected, 46⅝; feed, 46⅝; track, 58⅝.

Flax—1 nwc., 198; 2 cw., 194; 3 cw., 179½; rejected, 179⅛; track, 198½.

Rye—2 cw., 64⅞.

TORONTO MINES

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

	Bid.	Asked.
Lake Shore	545	548
Teck Hughes	120	121
Beaver Consol	24	25
McIntyre Port	18.19	
Hollinger Con.	11.60	11.75
Newray Mines	41	42
Temiskaming	32½	33½
Wasapika Con.	4	.
Dome Mines	19.10	19.25
Vipond Cons	55	.
Thompson Krist	4½	.
Atlas	8½	.
McKinley Dar.	13	14
West Dome Lake	29⅝	31
Clifton	4½	..
Castagne	206	292
Galdale	46	46
Castle	56½	58

MONEY MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Call money strong, high 6; low 5½; ruling rate 5½; closing bid 6; offered at 6¼; last loan 6; call loans against acceptances 4⅝.

Time loans steady; mixed collateral, 90-55 days, 5; 4-6 months 5.

Prime commercial paper 4⅞ to 5.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Money 1⅝ per cent. Discount rates: Short bills 3 7-16 per cent; three months' bills 3⅝ per cent.

SILVER MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Bar silver 64⅝. Mexican dollars 49⅝.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Bar silver 33⅝d per ounce.

NEW YORK SUGAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Raw sugar, centrifugal, 7.22; refined granulated, 8.80 to 9.90.

FINANCE FLASHES

SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE MADE IN TEXAS CRUDE OIL

Great Northern Railway Reports Increased Earnings for November

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Loadings of revenue freight cars for the week ended December 15 amounted to 899,522 cars, a reduction of 14,252 cars from previous week.

With car shortage already eliminated the outlook, according to local rail men, is for a car surplus ranging from 400,000 to 500,000 cars.

Directors of Lehigh and Wilkes-barre Coal Company have declared a dividend of 80 per cent on its capital stock.

Alfred P. Sloan, jr., president of General Motors, says that bus motor manufacturers will enjoy as large a volume of business in 1924 as in 1923. He said he was very optimistic over the outlook for the auto industry.

The broadest stock market on record occurred yesterday. Out of the total of nearly 900 issues of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, 518 different issues were dealt in. The previous record of issues traded in on a single day was 492 stocks.

Wall Street is preparing to handle a large amount of financing after the turn of the year. Estimates of total amount to be expected vary, one authority placing it at $100,000,000, another at $300,000,000.

Illinois Central's November net operating income was $2,142,135, as against $2,138,934 in 1922.

Great Northern's November net operating income was $4,400,900, as against $3,005,742 in 1922.

C.N.W. November net operating income was $1,608,625, as against $1,327,182 in 1922.

The United States Rubber Company has withdrawn quotations on all mechanical rubber goods into which cotton duck sheeting and yarn enter largely, on January 1. Prices on this class of merchandise embracing hose, belting and goods of similar character will be advanced 10 per cent.

Houston dispatches say Gulf Oil met a 25-cent advance in grade "A" crude oil on the Gulf Coast.

Some selling made its appearance again in American Sugar, due to anticipation that the 1923 report will be anything but a brilliant one and that it will show the common stock still far off from dividends.

Sloss Sheffield is expected to put a $6 dividend basis in January.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN

Opening Prices

Wheat, ⅛ to ¼ higher.
December, 9s 1½d.
March, 8s 8⅝d.
May unquoted.

STERLING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Sterling exchange $4.37 5-16 for sixty-day bills and $4.33 13-16 for demand.

READING RAILWAY OPERATING SOON

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Evening Post says:

The final step in the consummation of the Reading segregation plan will be taken on Monday when the various merger agreements will be filed at Harrisburg together with the formal approval of the public commission of the State of Pennsylvania. The mergers become effective as soon as the documents are placed on record, so that the Reading Co. will begin to function as an operating railroad company on January 1. Warrants will be issued about January 10 to holders of record December 17, entitling them to subscribe to the stock of the new coal company.

Saturday is the last day upon which sales for income tax purposes can be made in the regular way, although sales for cash may be made on Monday. Business of this sort is usually, however, comparatively unimportant.

Cheaper Tires

Tire price cutting during the latter part of the past year is likely to be apparent in Kelly Springfield's annual report. While sales were considerably larger, lower prices affected earnings to a considerable degree. With each successive cut in price and rebates due to lower production cost into profits piled up during first half of the year, and in the end adjustment will probably leave net profits barely sufficient to cover the annual preferred dividend requirements of about $600,000. According to a director, there probably will be a small deficit after preferred dividends.

Butte Super Copper output has been steadily increasing and now running at record for this company. For the six days ending December 22 the company shipped approximately 200,000 pounds of zinc and 6,700 tons of copper ore.

November Rail Earnings

Statements of November railroad earnings continue somewhat irregular. The Evening Post's compilation covering 46 roads indicates net operating income of $64,526,000 for the month of November, as compared with $75,986,000 for October and $57,360,000 for November a year ago.

For the 11 months net operating income is still far ahead of last year, figures for the same forty-six roads aggregating $655,744,000 for 1923, as compared with $142,535,000 for the same roads in 1922.

St. Paul net operating income of approximately $2,500,000 was comforting to those who have retained their stock, and indicated that fixed charge for the year will be covered from the company's earnings.

ANOTHER SLOW DAY ON CHICAGO MARKET

Wheat Makes Gain of Three-Eighths —Corn Suffers Loss of an Eighth of Cent

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Another day of apathy was seen in the grain market today. Liverpool came a little lower for wheat, and early trading was slightly in favor of lowering prices. The undertone seemed firm throughout the session in corn and wheat, but there was nothing to indicate a trend in either direction. December futures are gradually being liquidated, and this should help the market to a little higher range of prices during the first of the year. The activity in other markets, and the lack of interest in grains, however, may keep public interest away from the Chicago pits for some little time yet.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	100⅜	101⅜	100⅛	101
May	106⅜	107⅛	106⅛	107
July	105⅝	105⅞	105⅛	105⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	70	70	69½	69⅝
May	74	74	73½	73⅞
July	74⅞	74⅞	74⅛	74⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	41⅜	41⅝	41⅜	41⅜
May	44⅝	44⅝	44⅛	44⅛
July	42⅝	42½	42⅜	42⅜
Rye—				
May	72¾	73⅛	72⅝	73½

Market Opinions

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The market was inclined to continue the reactionary tendency of yesterday during today's early dealings, but after midday the list developed a strong tone, and U. S. Steel went to a new high on the current upswing. The bullish remarks of Mr. Livermore made considerable impression and helped the advance.

Report of an advance of 2 cents a gallon in price of gasoline by Standard Oil of Indiana had a beneficial effect on oil shares in which group a rather persistent demand was in evidence. The call money rate again had a flurry, but this passed without any particular notice.

There has been no change in the fundamental constructive factors in the general situation, and we do not believe that the upward movement in security prices has terminated—L. and B.

Livermore Statement

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

Jess Livermore says that we are going to have a "Coolidge market," which may be another way of prophesying "No Bonus," but a tax reduction. Because of the Christmas recess, news from Washington just now is scarce, but there will be a revival just as soon as Congress returns.

During the past few days, the irregularity in the market has been caused by profit taking and by selling for tax purposes.

There appears to be under way a determined upward move in the steel stocks, led by U. S. Steel.

Advances in crude oil prices have spread to gasoline, and the inventory positions of all the producing and refining companies as of December 31 will be considerably better than was thought possible a few months ago. While to us the oil stocks appeared to have substantially discounted the improvement in this industry, their advance has begun to catch popular fancy, with the result that buying power is still greater in quantity than the selling.—A. A. Housman & Co.

Grain Opinions

Harris Winthrop: There is still little to encourage bullish activity.

Bartlett Frazier: We see nothing to suggest higher prices.

Riordan Martin: A trading position is advisable in wheat. We favor buying corn on declines.

Stein Alstrin: Prices are apt to drift somewhat lower.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The combined sales of Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery, Ward & Co. for 1923 will be about $350,000,000, an increase of about $83,000,000 over 1922, it was stated today. Sales of the former for the year were reported at $215,540,604. Sales for Montgomery, Ward & Co. for the year will be about $134,000,000.

Dow Jones' Summary

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Corn Products directors meet today for dividend action.

Reading Company authorized by commerce commission to issue $63,084,666 4% bonds.

Powell Field production running between 80,000 and 82,000 barrels of oil daily, against average of 82,000 last week.

The President will withdraw the nomination of P. Farley as chairman of the Shipping Board and permit him to resign recess appointment.

Boston & Maine November deficit after charges was $244,319, against $98,831. Eleven months' deficit, $4,027,280, against $394,367.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

40 Leading bonds .... $6.62 off .04
20 Industrials .... 94.89 off .63
20 Rails .... 79.81 off .31

Approval Merger of Reading Railroads

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Approval of the application for the merger of all the railroad corporations of the Reading system into one company to be known as the Reading Company was announced late yesterday by the Public Service Commission. The merger will be effective on December 31. The merger is the result of an order of the United States district court to segregate the Reading Coal and Railroad business. It is planned to organize a holding company for the coal and iron business which will be entirely independent of the carrying business. As the holding company, the Reading Company controls the Philadelphia & Reading Railway and twelve other companies.

Notices of Assignment

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Notice of fifty assignments under the Bankruptcy Act appears in the current issue of the Canada Gazette.

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Re Courtesy

Sir,—Members of the Legislature and other public men have been sent, from time to time, to Europe to secure immigrants for this country and Province, and the steamship companies have also been conducting a campaign all over Europe for immigrants, who are told that they would be welcomed in Canada, and being "white men" would be absorbed into Canadian citizens.

This process of absorption takes time, but in two or three generations they would be so merged into the population of Canada that the original racial descent would be lost.

That is the ideal which your public men, when touring Southern Europe, tell the people there. Some time ago, I remember, Mr. Pattullo stating that immigrants would be welcomed from Italy, when he was advocating the "down bars" policy.

How can this merging, this absorption, be consummated when there is a section of the population who persist in keeping up racial animosity, racial differences, racial contempt?

As an Italian who has been in Canada many years, and who, at one time, thought he was as good a Canadian as any one else (and there are many like me), you can imagine my feelings when I saw in the B. C. Veterans' Weekly, of all papers, some alleged "joke" being perpetrated in that paper, at the expense of the late great singer Senor Caruso, who was dubbed a "Dago." As you know, the expression is used in contempt of people who come from Southern Europe.

There are many "Dagoes" who have fought for Canada, who have died for Canada, and who have done their part in the building up of Canada. There are many "Dagoes" whose friendship in the trenches, those who now dub them in such contemptuous terms, were glad enough to have. There are many "Dagoes" whose help the Allies were more than glad to get, and the "Dagoes" might even lay claim to having been instrumental in turning the scale and enabling the Allies to win the war. What the result would have been had those who are now being sneeringly called "Dagoes" thrown in their lot with the Central Powers, God only knows; but the Allies will have to admit that their help was eagerly sought after and more than gladly accepted.

Italy has contributed more than her share in arts, science and the civilization of the world. British laws today are based on Roman law, though this fact has been forgotten by many now.

Unless it is desired to make of Canada another Eastern Europe, where races are forced by a perpetuation of racial hatred to crowd together for mutual protection, until the communities become so great and so distinct that the problem has become almost insoluble, it is desirable to cultivate mutual respect and tolerance, with the ideal of finally merging into one great people and nation.

If Italians are not wanted in Canada, why conduct a propaganda there to get our people to come here? Having got them here, it is our right to demand that we be treated with the same respect that the Anglo-Saxons expect from others. Remember the fall of Rome, and the overweening pride which brought it about. I must, both for myself and on behalf of the many of Italian descent in Canada, who resent this form of insult, protest against the great singer Caruso being made a "joke" of in such contemptuous terms.

Not doubt it may be ignorance, but one expects the editor of the B. C. Veterans' Weekly to have some little education.

J. BALAGNO.

815 Princess Street, Victoria, B. C., December 27, 1923.

Municipal Golf Links

Sir,—In connection with the controversy now going on as to the expenditure on Golf Links at Elk Lake, the following statistics, taken from an American magazine a short time ago, may be interesting to those people who are shouting blue ruin on the scheme.

There were, in 1922, eighty-five municipal or public golf courses in the United States. The charge per round varied from fifteen cents to one dollar, the average charge being thirty-five cents. The average number of rounds paid for per course per annum was 58,800, or 161 per day, which, at the average price of thirty-five cents, gives an annual revenue of $20,580. This does not include charges for lockers, dressing-rooms, etc., or revenue from lunch room and other concessions. The average cost of maintenance was $9,000 per annum for an eighteen hole course, the lowest maintenance cost being at Louisville, Ky., which was $4,000. The revenue from three public courses adjacent to New York in 1921 was $125,000, while the cost of maintenance was $40,000 for the same period.

So it would appear that municipal golf courses are generally a good investment, and well patronized wherever they have been established. Of course, the revenue depends on the size of the city adjacent to the course, and also transportation facilities must necessarily cut an important figure in the success of the undertaking.

In the case of Elk Lake, there is probably a residential population of 60,000 to draw from, with a very large number added for transient visitors, and if frequent and cheap transportation to the course from the city is assured, there is no doubt in my mind but that the investment will pay handsomely.

I have always advocated the development of the Elk Lake property, not only in the way of golf links, but for every kind of outdoor sport and amusement. If Victoria had a fully developed pleasure resort at Elk Lake as a Summer attraction, and the Crystal Garden for Winter amusement, there is no place on the continent of America equal to it as a tourist resort or a residential paradise.

E. E. BILLINGHURST.

918 Government Street, Victoria, B.C., December 28, 1923.

Golf Links and Mandates

Sir,—Less than a year ago Mr. Dean was prominent in persuading the Council to "disregard the decided mandate of property owners registered against"—taxing improvements. Since then he has apparently seen a great light, and being rather dazzled by it, himself disregards a fundamental difference between the mandate on improvement taxes and the mandate on municipal golf links.

The improvement tax mandate was given on a single clearly defined principle, the question asked the voters left no room for qualifications or reservations, and the answer given could not be misunderstood, whereas the Golf Links By-Law asked for a single answer to at least four questions: Are you in favor of

(1) Borrowing $20,000.
(2) To establish municipal golf links.
(3) On leased land.
(4) At the Uplands?

Mr. Dean says the answer meant that the Council were not to establish municipal links anywhere at any time on any terms. It would be equally reasonable to say it meant they were not to borrow $20,000 at any time for any purpose.

The difference between these two mandates illustrates very clearly the difference between the discretion the Council ought to have and the final veto that the ratepayers ought to have.

It surely ought to be possible for the Council to work out details of such schemes as this Elk Lake one, without being hampered by the necessity of getting powers from the ratepayers, and still less from the Legislature, unless and until it becomes necessary to ask the ratepayers for money, either by taxation or borrowing.

On the other hand the ratepayers most surely ought to have power to demand, at any time, that a scheme which arouses hostility be submitted to a vote, whether it involves extra taxation or not.

If the ratepayers could, by petition, compel any project to be forthwith submitted to them for approval, the Council could, and should, be freed from the necessity of taking a vote on things that meet with no opposition, and still more, from the recurring need to ask the Legislature for power to do this or that.

If in addition the ratepayers had power to dismiss, at any time, a Council which abused the discretion given it, the Council could, and should, be given a much longer term of office—five or even ten years—in which to learn the needs of the city and work out the policies initiated by it.

Why not get a "charter" based on those principles?

P. R. LEIGHTON.

356 St. Charles Street, Victoria, B. C., December 27, 1923.

IMPROVEMENT IN TRANSFUSION WORK

Sir Almroth Wright Announces New Method of Blood Transfusion in Certain Cases

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A new method of blood transfusion for treating serious cases of septicemia is being successfully used at St. Mary's Hospital, London, says The Daily Mail. It is the invention of the famous pathologist, Sir Almroth Wright.

Dr. Wright found during the war that simple transfusion was useless in desperate cases of septicemia and adopted a plan of drawing the blood off a healthy person, occulating it with vaccine to increase its power of killing microbes, and then injecting it into the patient. From this developed the improved method, namely, the innoculation of a healthy blood with vaccine and then, when this person's blood had manufactured a large quantity of microbe-killing substances, drawing from this stream for injection.

The results so far obtained can only be regarded as a beginning, says the newspaper, but physicians are expecting much from the new method.

Hawaiian Volcano Displays Activity

HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 28.—Superintendent Thomas Boles, of the Hawaii National Park, telephoned from Volcano House this morning that the volcano Clauea had shown unusual activity ever since dark last night. At least ten or fifteen feet of lava, he said, had overflowed into the main pit of the crater, covering an area of about forty acres, and a number of fountains of lava were spurting from openings in the pit.

OFFICERS ELECTED

COLWOOD, Dec. 27.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Women's Institute held recently at the Colwood Hotel: Mrs. H. Pearson, president; Miss M. James, vice-president; Mrs. W. M. Brown, secretary; Mrs. Parker, treasurer; Mrs. O. Goodall, leaflet distributor; and Mrs. J. Goodall, thankoffering secretary. The meeting was well attended, and afternoon tea was served.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Seine, like most other rivers in France, is rising rapidly, fed by the melting snow and ceaseless rains, and Parisians are beginning to get nervous as reports from towns along the higher reaches and tributaries of the river show that the waters are mounting. The Seine has already covered the feet of the celebrated statue of the Zouave, which Paris uses to note the progress of its floods.

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The Colonist's Pictorial Page



Miss Peggy Clerk has been awarded first prize at the California Industrial Exhibition for being the most charming redheaded girl in the state. Over 500 entrants were in the race



John R. Thompson, well-known millionaire restaurant owner of Chicago, desired to get to a directors' meeting in a hurry. His motor was at home, so he hopped into one of his pie-wagons and got to his destination on time



Lionel Ames is one of the stars in the show of the University of Michigan, who will appear in New York, playing a leading role in the school's offering, "Cotton Stockings Never Made a Man Look Twice." The faculty is shocked



Mme. Adouth, one of the most prominent French society women and wife of Adouth, the Pearl King, is considered one of the most beautiful women in Paris. She has been a leading figure in many plays for charity



With each having eighty-nine wins to their credit, Elliott and Steve Donoghue were assigned for competition, the winner to be proclaimed the premier jockey of Great Britain. The rider of the famous Papyrus won



A sensation was caused in London Theatrical circles by the appearance on the musical comedy stage of Miss Bobbie Storey, former barmaid, who was discovered by a producer while doing honors behind polished mahogany



Dr. Frederick Cook, who previously falsely claimed to have discovered the north pole, has been found guilty of misuse of the mails in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been sentenced to fourteen years to explore the cells



Bryan and his double? By coincidence, Representative Edgar Howard, from Nebraska, who was william Jennings Bryan's secretary thirty years ago, bears a strong resemblance to his first political boss



At the Bramham Moor hounds at Bilton, Hon. E. Lascelles, with cigaret, is shown riding with J. W. Byass, Esq., the steeplechase owner leading to the first covert



Miss Mary Lygo, former Follies' beauty, has accepted an $8,000 settlement in her $100,000 breach of promise and slander suit against Gordon C. Thorne, Chicago millionaire, and his mother



This leather-visaged "huskie" at Chesterfield Inlet, Hudson Bay, is regarded by his Eskimo brethern as a veritable Ulysses. He is the most sagacious of his tribe



Miss Margaret Boyd, of Owen Sound, has been mysteriously missing for over three weeks from Los Angeles, California. A nation-wide search for her has been conducted in vain



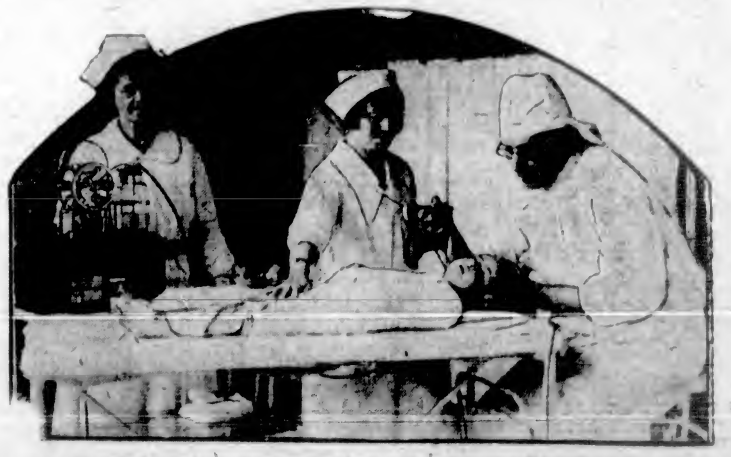
Score of the prettiest girls in London, and not one of voting age, are leaving the English stage to come to America. Their manager says that they have such tiny feet that it is almost impossible to have them fitted



European society at this time of the year is flocking to the many pleasure resorts in Switzerland. Here is a general view of the skating rink at Davos Platz



Mrs. Henry C. Wright, eighty years old, who for sixty-five years has waited for a chance to be acclaimed a singer, will realize her ambition when she steps out on a concert stage in New York next week



Here is the tiny electric pump in operation that has been developed to pump out the throats of diphtheria stricken children. The apparatus is being used on a little girl patient of a hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Business or Professional Cards of four lines or under, $2.00 per month. Additional space at $1.25 per line per month.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DEATHS

MONK—On December 28, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. May Quinton Monk, eldest daughter of Mrs. C. Q. Bown, of Winnipeg; aged 36 years; born in Manitoba, and a resident of Salt Spring Island. The deceased is survived by, besides her husband, Mr. J. H. Monk, one son and three daughters at home; a mother, at present in this city; one brother, of Calgary, Alberta, and three sisters in Manitoba.

The funeral will take place this afternoon (December 29), the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock services will be conducted at the Holy Trinity Church, Patricia Bay, by the Rev. T. M. Hughes, of North Saanich, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Collins, of Salt Spring Island. The remains will be laid to rest at Patricia Bay Cemetery.

(Winnipeg papers please copy.)

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BIG dance, Caledonia Hall, December 28. Good music. Ladies 25c, gents 65c. 8.30-11.30.

DON'T forget the annual all-night dance, Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve, in the Labor Trades Hall, 1312 Broad St. Dancing from 10 to 4. General admission 50c. The right place for a good time. Everybody welcome.

HARD Times dance, Strawberry Vale Hall, Wednesday, January 2, 8 to 12.30. Kinloch's 4-piece orchestra.

MRS. WINCH has removed from Pandora Ave. to Quadra Apartments, Suite 9, corner Fort and Quadra. Phone 7074L.

MRS. ALAN HORSFIELD, A.R.C.M., A.G.S.M., gold medalist, London, England, pianoforte teacher, 1732 N. Hampshire Road. Phone 6067Y1.

NEW Year's Eve dance, Harmony Hall, 9 till 3. Gents 60c, ladies 35c. Beautiful needlecase given to first 100 ladies.

NEW Friendship Club dance, under auspices of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, will be held tonight at 9:00, in the K. of P. Hall. Findlater's orchestra. Tickets: Gents 55c, ladies 25c.

THE usual military 500 tonight, 1230 Government Street. 14 scrip prizes. Admission 25 cents. 8.00.

THE first annual meeting of the Island Racing Association will be held on Monday, December 31, 1923, at 8 p.m., at 308 B.C. Permanent Loan Bldg., Victoria, B.C.

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REQUIRED—Lady to help in boarding school. Phone 7820.

WANTED—General help, light duties, no washing. Phone 6170.

WANTED—Cook-general for positions in the city, good wages paid. Lady as assistant matron in private school. Apply Government Employment Service, phone 2120.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; references required; good wages. Box 7046, Colonist.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE 44

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Schools Open to Beginners, Jan. 7

Children commencing school for the first time will be admitted to the Victoria Graded Schools upon the reopening of schools after Christmas vacation. Only children are eligible for admission who have reached the age of six on or before February 28th, 1924. Parents are requested to register names with principal concerned or at the School Board Office. No beginners will be admitted after January 18th, 1924.

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Messrs. Michell Walk Off With the Turkeys

SIDNEY, Dec. 28.—The usual weekly card party was held by the Sidney Social Club on Wednesday night in Matthew's Hall. There were nine tables of military five hundred. The prizes, of unusual interest, were fine young turkeys. The lucky winners were Messrs. W. D. Michell, R. Michell and F. Michell, of Keating, and Mr. F. Smith, of Deep Cove. The high bid was won by Mr. W. Mitchell, of Sidney, and a turkey tombola by Mrs. Hibbard, of South Saanich. Mrs. MacAuley and Mrs. Crossley were the conveners for the supper.

There will be a dance by the club on New Year's Eve in Mathew's Hall, and tombola prizes will be given.

Vancouver Island

Churches and Schools Celebrate Christmas

CHEMAINUS, Dec. 27.—The breaking-up entertainment given by the teachers and pupils of the public school last week in the old recreation hall was a most enjoyable affair. The hall was packed to capacity, many having to stand all the evening. Mr. R. H. Smiley, school trustee, was chairman for the evening.

The programme began with a chorus by the infants, followed by recitations to Santa Claus. A Mother Goose medley was splendid, little children dressed as nursery rhyme characters appearing in it. There was a very good minstrel troop which sang the plantation songs. Two boys sang the "Canadian Boating Song." A real canoe was in the background. "Christmas in Naughtyland" brought the programme to an end. A number of very naughty girls were talking about the things they would not do. They would not wash the dishes, or sweep the house, or be tidy, and so on. Santa Claus overheard their talk and presented each girl with a magic gift to do the very tasks they had refused to do. This ended in them turning into very good and useful girls.

An excellent supper was served, first to the children, then to the adults. A dance followed.

The teachers and children were congratulated on the entertainment. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the programme, which was warmly applauded.

On Friday night the congregation and Sunday school of Calvary Baptist Church held their Christmas tree and social. The children gave a short programme of songs, recitations and dialogues. This was followed by various games, the Christmas tree, which was loaded with gifts for everyone, and a most excellent supper.

On Sunday evening in the Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, in place of the usual evening service a very beautiful carol service was held. Led by the choir, the singing was most hearty. There was a big and appreciative congregation. The church was prettily decorated with evergreens and flowers, which added greatly to the beauty of all.

On Christmas morning there were two services, Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and matins and Holy Communion at 10 o'clock. Both services were well attended. The ground was quite white with snow in places, the first on the level this season.

Packed Hall Enjoys Children's Concert

COLWOOD, Dec. 27.—The Colwood annual Christmas tree and concert was held in the Colwood Hall last Friday evening. The hall was packed by visitors from Sooke, Metchosin, Langford and the city, to hear and see one of the finest programmes ever offered by the school children. The stage, banked to the ceiling, sides and back by evergreens, and brightened by water lillies made by the children, was a fine background for the performers. The programme was as follows:

Chorus, "O, Canada," School; recitation, Janet Hill; chorus, School; recitation, Ian Gilliford; recitation, Doris Buxton; song, Junior Room; song, James Wilson; play, "Work or Play," Junior Boys; daisy drill, Girls of Senior Room; song, Gladys Robinson; recitation, Jack Brown; recitation, Olive Walsh; play, "Mother Goose," Junior Room; song, Dorothy Walsh; play, "When Father Hung the Picture on the Wall," Senior Room; recitation, Irene Pettt; recitation, Ruth Haggerty; tableau, "The Lotus Eaters," Senior Girls; chorus, School; song, Harry Hott.

The Rev. Mr. Pearson acted as chairman.

After a delicious supper, the kiddies welcomed Santa Claus (Pat Parker), who gave all the school children and the younger ones at home presents. Miss Hawkeswood and Miss G. Scott, the two teachers, were not forgotten, for each received a little gift from Santa. The secretary of the School Board, Mrs. H. Packer, received a fern in a beautiful rustic basket from the two teachers. The evening ended in a dance for the grown-ups. Music was provided by Mrs. Shields and Mr. J. Goodall.

Engineer to Report On Cowichan Erosion

DUNCAN, Dec. 28.—The city has been notified that Col. C. Donnelly, assistant district engineer, has been ordered by the Public Works Department to report on the necessary work to be done to protect the banks of the Cowichan River from further erosion.

A protracted session of the City Council was held last evening, when differences between the contractor on the new water system and the city were thoroughly gone into. Mr. H. C. Mann, city engineer, and Mr. C. F. Davie, city solicitor, were present at the meeting. It is understood that the basis of a supplementary agreement satisfactory to all parties was arrived at, and that work will be resumed at the river intake at once, and that the contract will be completed in about three weeks' time.

The annual Christmas dance given by the local high school students took place last night. St. John's Hall was very prettily decorated for the occasion, Christmas colors of red and green predominating. The music was supplied by Mr. Bernard Ryall, Mrs. Smith and Miss B. Castley, and was fully enjoyed by over a hundred guests.

Card Parties Planned For Early In January

SAANICH, Dec. 28.—The following were the prize winners at the card party given by the Mount Newton Social Club on Wednesday evening at Tsartlip Hall: First, Mrs. A. Hydes, Mrs. Freeland, Mr. E. Rochon and Mr. Guy; second, Miss Scott, Miss Peterson, Mr. Freeland and Mr. Stephen Lacoursiere. The two prizes for highest scores during the season were won by Mrs. R. Hall and Mr. Larry Haggar. The opening game of the next series will take place on January 9. The lady and gent making the highest season's scores during the next three months will each receive special prizes at the closing event.

The West Saanich Women's Institute will be the hostesses at a card party at the Institute Hall on Wednesday evening, January 2. A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors in the district to attend.

School Christmas Tree Stripped at Deep Cove

DEEP COVE, Dec. 28.—The school Christmas tree was held last night in the Deep Cove Hall. The children were given tea at 6:30 o'clock, the tables being laden with all kinds of dainties, under the direction of Mrs. A. Calvert, assisted by Mrs. C. Mosse and Mrs. Mears. The tables were prettily decorated with evergreens, holly and bonbons. After supper, games were played for a while, and then the attention of all was concentrated on a beautiful Christmas tree, Santa Claus (Mr. Lambert) and a little white fairy (Marjorie White) made their appearance and commenced to dismantle the tree, the fairy taking the presents and giving them to Santa Claus, who, with good-natured jokes, presented them to the children. Each child received a gift, a balloon and a bag of candy and fruit. The end of the evening was given up to dancing, the music being supplied by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Jas. Copithorne. Rev. Mr. Hughes read a letter from Mrs. Grange thanking the children for their Christmas gift, the result of the concert which was given a short time ago.

NAMED ON BOARD

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the New Hospital Building Association held last evening, Mrs. John McMillan was elected by the lady delegates present to a place on the executive committee as a representative of the Local Council of Women, presenting women's organizations. Mr. Charles Wilson, Jr., was also chosen as representative of fraternal organizations and service clubs on the executive. One delegate will be later appointed to represent the mines south of the city, and one to represent the lumber industry.

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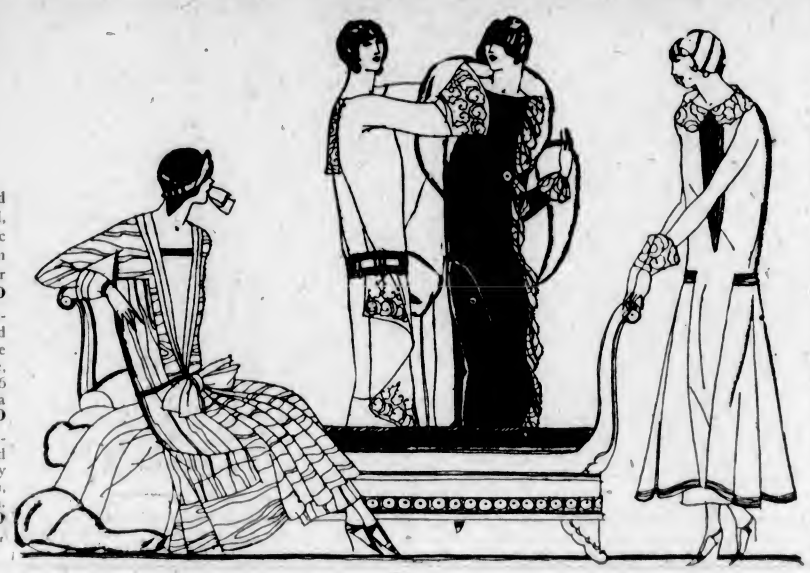
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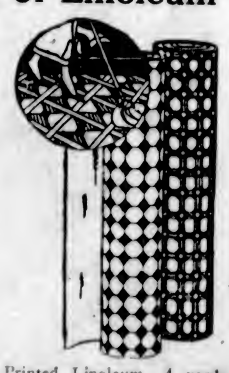
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